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Dear Jake:

Bill Colby stopped in and paid us a short but informative visit last Friday evening. He met with Fred Brown and discussed the training of a number of FSO-5's which Fred has rounded up and who will be taking VTC training during the next four to six months. There is some question as to how much language exposure they should get. Fred's view is that if they want long-term language, he is happy to authorize it; however, in most cases they probably will forego this much training. We feel that a reasonable approach to the problem would be to put them in with the District Senior Advisors for a total of 18 weeks training, i.e., the Basic Course plus 12 weeks of the District Course, which would include 300 hours of Vietnamese. Ogden had written a letter previously to Bill which would have arrived in Viet-Nam after his departure. When Bill left here he indicated he would discuss it in Saigon and give us a reply upon his return there. You might like to follow-up on this at your end.

A final point. We have received an occasional post tour report which we understand PSA's are now asked to write at the termination of their tour. It would be helpful if you would instruct the appropriate member of your staff to forward copies of such reports to the Librarian here at VTC. We have established what we consider are excellent province files. The inclusion of such reports would constitute a significant addition to them.

With warm best regards.

Sincerely,

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