

MEMORANDUM

March 11, 1971

TO: AID/PM/MD - Mr. Daniel F. Creedon  
FROM: STATE/O/FSI/VTC - Ogden Williams  
SUBJECT: DOC Course for Long-Term Language Trainees

Referring to your memorandum dated March 3, 1971, we have studied the problem you raise and propose the following procedures in accordance with the attached memorandum for the record. Essentially, an initial judgment would be made during the Basic Course (when all students will be receiving 30 hours of language) as to which students are "poor risks" and which are "good risks." The less gifted students, as determined by the Language Division during the 30-hour exercise, will be sent into the DOC Course immediately. This course, as you know, includes 300 hours of language training. If the "poor risk" student in fact does not perform adequately, he would be sent to Viet-Nam at the conclusion of the DOC Course, or at any time thereafter when he fails to qualify under the topping-out procedures previously agreed upon with your office.

With respect to the "good risk" students, they would normally take the DOC Course toward the end of their normal program in VTC. Should, however, a few of them fail to qualify under the topping-out procedures at some stage in their instruction, they would then be given a few days of concentrated and individual instruction by the Extended Course faculty, concentrating on the 1971 Plan and other essential materials.

This solution was considered best by an ad hoc group which has studied the problem. The rationale is more fully developed in the attached memorandum for the record.

Attachment

cc: O/FSI - Mr. Sollenberger  
O/FSI - Dr. Frith  
MD/T - Mr. Berg  
PER/CA/L - Mr. Brown  
PM/MD - Miss Carlier  
VTC - Dr. Levy