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Dear Cliff:

Besides thanking you for your hospitality during my visit to Bien Hoa, I want to report on the action I said we would take with respect to Major Latham.

I return a copy of your memorandum to COMUSMACV dated 11 January 1971. Upon returning to Washington, I asked Lieutenant Colonel Spinelli of our office to discuss Major Latham's case with OPO in the Pentagon. Major Latham's application to join the 18-month program was turned down by that office. The upshot is that Major Latham's past record did not entitle him for entry into the 18-month program. We were told, however, that while it was unlikely that any reversal of the decision would be made, it would be extremely helpful to Major Latham if you were to prepare for him a special efficiency report concerning his excellent performance in Bien Hoa, without waiting for the next regular due date for efficiency reports. Apparently this can be done at any time a superior officer feels he has something to say about one of his subordinates. As stated, even though it is unlikely that the submission of such an efficiency report would reverse the OPO decision, it would help Major Latham generally.

Thanks again for your courtesy and hospitality in Bien Hoa.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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