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cc: VTC (Gen)
AID

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

January 4, 1971

SUBJECT: Meeting with A/PM, December 30, 1970

PARTICIPANTS:

A/PM - Messrs. James Keene, Dan Creedon, Mike Guido, John Hickman, Ken Mahoney, and Marcelle Carlier.

VTC - O. Williams, R. G. Jones, Dan Quaid.

VTC proposed an agenda as follows:

1. CORDS/Viet-Nam to pick up VTC language costs. (VTC presentation of proposal.)
2. VTC slots.
3. Informal discussion of A/PM survey of VTC.
4. Other business.

Agenda Item No. 1: It was decided that Mr. Hickman would check with AID budget authorities to make sure that it would be appropriate for Mr. Williams to suggest to CORDS/Viet-Nam that it pick up the costs of VTC language training, to wit, \$414,977 for FY 1972 (or \$534,487 if the proposed switch of PSA and DSA training is finally approved). A/PM raised questions concerning numbers of linguists, etc., but VTC said that it was not prepared to get into questions of methodology which were the concern of the School of Languages. A/PM noted poor performance on the part of language students in Classes XXI through XXIV (Attachment A), and requested that the system of top-out be reinstituted. Since many students did not in fact attain a 3 rating, it would have been better to top them out at the 2 level rather than carry them for many additional weeks at considerable expense. VTC noted that the poor performance involved certain classes which had been characterized by a low motivation, and that the military classes and the more recent civilian classes were doing better. VTC agreed, nevertheless, that the traditional topping out procedure was reasonable and undertook to request that it be reinstituted by Dr. Levy and the School of Languages. AID (Mr. Guido) pressed for a re-institution of the mandatory language orientation (30 hours) for Basic Course students. This is now on a voluntary basis, and a recent check

shows very good participation. Mr. Williams tended to prefer the voluntary basis since all but a handful of students go from the Basic Course into longer-term language training (300 hours, 600 hours, or 1140 hours), but agreed to look into the subject again and discuss it further with Mr. Guido.

Agenda Item No. 2: After a long discussion, it was agreed that, with the departure of Messrs. Lijewski and Bahl from the Extended Course, only one slot would be lost. The other slot would be retained and filled by Mr. Richard Ehrlich. AID indicated a survey of administrative personnel authorizations would be forthcoming in the future.

Agenda Item No. 3. VTC pointed out at the outset that this meeting was not the proper venue for any formal presentation of the A/PM survey of VTC. Mr. Sollenberger had requested that any such presentation and discussion be conducted at the FSI level. A/PM stated that it wanted to try out its ideas informally with us before any formal report was offered for discussion by FSI. Since VTC had not received copies of the A/PM draft prior to the meeting, there was no opportunity for detailed consideration of each point. Instead, the report was rapidly scanned and comment made where it appeared that the report was outdated or erroneous in any major respect. A/PM took note of these comments.

Attachment

O/FSI/VTC:OWilliams:RGJones:d

VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE TRAINING - CORDS (AID/STATE)
FSI/VTC

Course Completions (41-42 weeks) in FY-71 as of 12/31/70

Class #	Completion Date	Average MLAT	MLAT Range	Rating at End of Training								Total Completions
				S - 1+		S - 2		S - 2+		S - 3		
				#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
XXI	7/17/70	65.6	55-77	1	5%	12	67%	1	5%	4	23%	18 <u>/1</u>
XXII	8/28/70	64.2	51-73	-	-	7	64%	1	9%	3	27%	11
XXIII	10/9/70	62	62---	-	-	1	100%	-	-	-	--	1 <u>/2</u>
XXIV	12/4/70	69.2	67-72	-	-	1	20%	1	20%	3	60%	5
TOTALS				1	3%	21	60%	3	9%	10	28%	35

¹Excludes 1 trainee who completed only 10 weeks of training.

²Excludes 2 trainees who completed only 30 and 33 weeks of training; excludes also 2 AID trainees who resigned at end of course and could not be tested (VTC estimates their end-of-training proficiency at the S-1 level).

VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE TRAINING - CORDS (Military)

FSI/TPC

PSA COURSES - 26-28 Weeks Training (Approximately 650 hrs.)

Class #	Completion Date	Average MLAT	MLAT Range	Rating at End of Training						Total Completions
				S - 1+	S - 2	S - 2+				
XXIV	8/19/70	60	52 - 68	2 50%	1 25%	1 25%				4 ¹ / ₂
XXV	10/2/70	53.4	45 - 62	2 40%	3 60%	- --				5 ¹ / ₂
XXVI	11/13/70	58	46 - 65	1 20%	4 80%	- --				5
XXVII	-----	--	-----	- --	- --	- --				None enrolled
TOTAL				5 36%	8 57%	1 7%				14

¹/Excludes 3 military trainees who did not complete the PSA course.

²/Excludes 2 trainees: one who completed 22 weeks of training and one who started with an S-1 proficiency and was given part-time instruction.

VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE TRAINING - CORDS (Military)

FSI/VTC

DCC COURSE - 12 WEEKS TRAINING (Approximately 290 hrs.)

Class #	Completion Date	Average MLAT	MLAT Range	Rating at End of Training						Total Completions
				S - 0+		S - 1		S - 1+		
				#	%	#	%	#	%	
XXVI	7/31/70	52.8	40 - 73	15	75%	5	25%	-	-	20
XXVII	9/9/70	49.8	37 - 68	15	75%	4 ¹	20%	1 ²	5%	20
XXVIII	10/22/70	56	39 - 80	39	78%	11	22%	-	-	50 ³
TOTAL				69	77%	20	22%	1	1%	90

^{/1}Includes 2 trainees who started training with an S - 0+ proficiency.

^{/2}Started training with S - 0+ proficiency

^{/3}Excludes one trainee who started and completed training with an S - 2 proficiency.