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Manila, Philippines

Dear Tom:

Some time ago I recommended that my present position as Special Assistant for Narcotics in SA Bureau be abolished as its essential task had been accomplished. This presumably will occur at the end of FY 1973, and it behooves me to move on. It occurred to me that my background in Southeast Asia, including considerable work with Filipinos over the years in Vietnam, might be useful in the Philippines, hence this letter.

I have served in the past as Special Assistant to the Director, Vietnam (1963) and as Assistant Director for Field Operations (1954), followed by Deputy Director, Tunisia (1965-66). Then I returned to Vietnam as Associate Director in charge of the amnesty program (1966-69), and then served as Director of the Vietnam Training Center, Washington (1969-71). I should also mention two extended TDYs - one in charge of emergency relief to several hundred thousand Montagnard refugees (1962) and the other as member of a survey team which reviewed the Thailand police program (1970). Don MacDonald knows me well from Vietnam days.

Should any of the foregoing be of interest, I would much appreciate any word from you, and in any case send greetings and best wishes. I suspect the Philippines situation is more interesting than ever at this point. I had a long talk with Charlie Sweet about it recently, which was fascinating.

Very sincerely,

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