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Mr. Edward E. Masters
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Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Ed:

I was most surprised and pleased when I received word from Rod O'Connor that you had taken the trouble, even in the press of departing this post, to write him a letter regarding me and our work on the Inter Agency Working Group. For my part, may I express again what an outstanding job you did in accomplishing what had to be accomplished from the outset, namely to have the Department of State step in and take charge of what was then a chaotic situation. Your energies and diplomatic skills were invaluable in making it possible for the whole community to start working together in the anti-narcotics effort.

Your assignment to Bangkok, which is so fortunate in all respects, is doubly appreciated by those of us who are concerned with the narcotics problem.

Again many thanks for a most thoughtful and courteous gesture, and best wishes for a successful and happy tour. I hope to see you in Bangkok in January if that regional conference is still on.

Sincerely,

Ogden Williams
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