

May 24, 1972

Mr. Peter Cody  
Mission Director  
USAID/Quito  
Quito, Ecuador

Dear Peter:

I understand that Mike Hacker is being considered for a position in your Mission. Mike was the representative in Vinh Binh province for the amnesty program of which I was in charge nationally in Vietnam 1966-69, and he later was transferred to another province in community development work. The reason I am writing at this time is merely to say that Mike Hacker was an especially good performer in Vietnam and would, I am certain, be a highly valued addition to your staff. He was formerly with the Peace Corp in Bolivia, and after eight years of not using Spanish, he was tested the other day and got an immediate S-3, R-4 which I am sure he could raise to complete fluency in a very short time. In any case, I strongly support Hacker and know you would be very pleased with him indeed. His motivation, intelligence, appearance and personality are all first-class.

Please remember me to Wes and Brigitte Emery and also to Lee and Libby Winters, with whom I served in Tunisia. I thought of Lee last October when I was in Kalispell, Montana.

After a year as Narcotics Coordinator for the East Asia area, I am hoping to go out to the field again, possibly back to Vietnam. I trust you have thoroughly enjoyed your tours in Paraguay and Ecuador. Paraguay is heavily involved in heroin smuggling, as you know, and considerable attention is being focused on that area, including Jack Anderson's column of May 24, copy of which is enclosed. I suspect Quito is a lot nicer. You may recall that Don Daughters asked me to go there as his Deputy in 1965, but I went to Tunisia instead.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Ogden Williams  
Special Assistant to the Coordinator