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U.S. AID MISSION TO VIETNAM

Mr. Ogden Williams
c/o Miss Alice Kokotakis
Vietnam Bureau, AID/W

Dear Mr. Williams:

Under the provisions of Administrative Operations Notice Number 959 dated January 6, 1970, the Mission GVN Awards Committee recently convened for the purpose of considering awards tendered to U.S. Mission employees by the Government of Viet-Nam.

Among the awards considered was the Revolutionary Development Medal tendered to you.


Since neither the citation nor your supervisor's recommendation contained sufficient justification to meet the criteria established in 3 FAM 621, Public Law 89-673 and AIDTO Circular A-1064, the Committee has recommended against your retention of this award.

Please be advised it is the policy of the Department of State to discourage the receipt and retention of awards and decorations from foreign governments. Only when an award or decoration is documented with sufficient evidence that it is tendered for service which has contributed to an unusually significant degree to the furtherance of good relations between the United States and the foreign government tendering the decoration, may the Committee recommend retention as an exception to Departmental policy.

Accordingly, the Committee's findings together with the award and citation will be forwarded to the Chief of the Awards Unit, USAID PER/A, for disposition in accordance with 3 FAM 621.7.

Please be assured that the Committee's action is in no way intended to detract from the exemplary performance which resulted in your having been tendered this award.

Sincerely yours,


Samuel M. Pinckney, Jr.
Chairman
GVN Awards Committee