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Dear Len:

As you will recall, the Department of State originally committed itself to providing not only junior-level officers to VTC for service in Viet-Nam, but also more senior ones of the FSO-3 type level. In fact, the Department has signally failed to honor that second commitment. The result is that we have in our PSA Course substantially only military candidates. Is it the desire of CORDS that ultimately all PSA's be military? Or does CORDS feel that there will be sufficient civilians at the district level to promote upward so that it wants no FSO-3's (or 2's or 1's)?

As you know, I feel that the State Department has defaulted in providing senior personnel to jobs that are essentially political, namely the job of a PSA. As a result of this default, the military has had to take up the burden. I would normally discuss this matter at fairly high levels in State, but do not want to do so if the Mission does not, in fact, want FSO-3 candidates in Viet-Nam. Could you advise me discreetly on this matter? After the recent Brigham-to-Knowlton-to-Palmer-to-Rosson-to-Abrams report of my innocent telephone conversation with Brigham, I don't want to appear to be excessively pushing the responsibility of civilians in Viet-Nam. I merely note that State provides no "Lieutenant Colonels" and the military does.

I have a new house in Washington at 4621 Q Street, N.W. It has a bunch of extra bedrooms and people like yourself, Mark Huss, Clay McManaway or others will find it equally pleasant and much cheaper than a hotel should you come to town.

All the best,

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