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Captain Robert N. Walher
Room 15
14th Street
University Motor Inn
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Captain Walher:

On behalf of Colonel Wilson Freeman, the Army Staff Judge Advocate, I would like to welcome you to our office.

I have been designated your sponsor and shall render all assistance possible.

Since you are married the situation is such that you will have to rent off-post housing as there are no quarters on post for married company grade officers. Only Colonel Freeman lives on the post; everyone else (officers) lives off the post.

The housing situation off post is no problem, however, it would be wise to allow some time to look around rather than taking the first thing which appears. While you are looking for housing you can stay in the Chalet which is the guest house.

As you are probably aware Atlanta is a large city. Consequently there is a very wide range of housing available, however, you will probably find it slightly higher than usual. There is good housing available near the post as well as on the other side of Atlanta. I live in East Point which is really a part of Metropolitan Atlanta so that I could be near the post (.4 of a mile from the back gate).

The office has the usual components, claims, military affairs, military justice (which is the largest branch), legal assistance and procurement. The areas of concern for each branch, as taught at the JAG School, are not strictly followed here, that is there is a shift of some of the areas which are handled by each branch because of the local situation which will allow that branch to handle a particular area more efficiently.

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There, as yet, has been no determination of the branch to which you will be assigned. If you have any preference or any particular experience in some branch, please let me know so the Executive Officer may be informed of your desires.

The work day here is from 0730 until 1615. The lunch period is 45 minutes and may be taken starting from 1130 if desired. The Officers' Club is within a short walk from the office and is very convenient for lunch. There is plenty of opportunity for social life here ranging from the inexpensive all the way up. This assignment is much sought after, especially by the returning officers from Vietnam and higher ranking officers.

The office has a very simplified procedure of its own where one of the officers will be detailed supernumerary for a week. This duty consists of checking to see if all doors are locked and safes are closed and lights are turned off at the end of the day on week days. This is no problem and if you are sharp you can have the office closed up in five minutes or less. There is one other small consideration -- during the week and week-end the supernumerary must be close to a phone at all times so that if a problem arises he can be reached, however, this usually presents no problem for you can call the staff duty officer and report to him that you will be at another phone number. This duty, depending upon the number of officers on the roster, usually comes up once every three months or more and will probably be more since there will be additional officers brought into the shop in order to implement the new Military Justice Act.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to write me here at the post, Building 65, Office of the Army Staff Judge Advocate, or if you feel it necessary please call me at Extension 2905. If you arrive in Atlanta during non-duty hours, do not hesitate to call me at home. My address is Atlanta, Georgia 30331 and my telephone number is

Sincerely,

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