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Personnel for counter-insurgency program.

1. Responsibility for Operations:

Now that Phillips has left, the problem of counter-insurgency has again been bequeathed to me. I am willing to help out as much as I can and I accept this responsibility for whatever period that the Bureau of the Census may permit. However, I find that, with the present proliferation of operations, I have more duties than I can keep up with; furthermore, I need some one to keep the store while I'm in the field (or vice versa). And it is unwise to put all our eggs in one basket (me); I might get hepatitis like Barbour or be recalled by the Bureau of Census and we would need someone who is acquainted with the problems to carry on. In short, I need a deputy.

2. Montagnard Program:

J. K. Garner can continue with this responsibility until he goes on home leave in October, by which time, I believe, Evans will have reported in and will be assigned to this activity.

It is also my understanding that Jean Wright will be available to this activity on her return from home leave. But her job should remain in Public Health Division, because of her Participating Agency status; I am talking this matter up with George Bilyeu and Dr. Boynton. However, Mr. Garner is now overloaded and I would like to have assigned him right away two IVS men, who might eventually be sent into the field (to be replaced by others at that time, if necessary).

3. P. L. 480:

Phillips asked John Perry to act as P.L. 480 officer in his off moments. What with the mushrooming of P.O. 480 activities and the increase in John Perry's duties in Central Vietnam, this arrangement will have to be changed. We urgently need the immediate assignment of a P.L. 480 officer on a full time basis. He will be responsible not only for the immediate P.L. 480 arrangements, but also for the development of programs (except montagnards) using P.L. 480 commodities, e.g. the remuneration of strategic hamlet construction personnel, military dependents, non-montagnard refugees, etc.

4. Operation Sunrise:

Sidney Glaser will continue to be responsible for this operation, but as it extends beyond Binh Duong Province and as its economic aspects become important in that Province, he will need the help of an IVS man intermittently resident in the field.

5. Central Vietnam:

John Perry will continue to act as operations officer in this area, intensifying activities in Phu Yen, initiating them in Quang Nhai Binh Dinh. He now has an IVS man in Phu Yen; it appears now this man, Mr. Robert Malleff, is entirely taken up with normal agricultural activities and we shall need another similar man to supervise the activities initiated by Fraleigh and Phillips. We shall need two similar men resident in Quang Nhai and Qui Nhon.

6. South Vietnam, excluding Sunrise:

Tom Iuche is assuming responsible for this area, but here too, we need one field man now and ^{McC} doubtless require another shortly.

7. PAPR military requirements, etc.:

The Program Office (Bill Trigg) is taking care of this area of activity quite satisfactorily at this moment.

8. SUMMARY:

Immediate needs:

1. Deputy in charge of counter-insurgency operations.
2. P.L. 480 administrator
3. Health educator for montagnards (Jean Wright)
4. Five field men, additional, as follows:
 - 1 - Phu Yen
 - 1 - Quang Nhai
 - 1 - Binh Dinh
 - 2 - Sunrise
 - 2 - Montagnard program
9. Dr. Joseph Fischer of University of California was here. He took a lot of documents with him and agreed with me that the urgent need we had for bodies here would preclude long periods of training prior to departure from the U.S.