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Dear Ruf,

A quick word on Col. Sylvester Stephan, USMC. Stoney and I have talked to him and feel he is a first-class candidate to take over a region a' la Joyce Melius, etc. He could replace Hammond or Evans etc. He is probably overqualified in terms of command, personnel, logistics, etc. He was Marine Advisor to the Korean Marine Corps. Battalion Commander Pinaloanua, Iwo Jima etc. But more important he has the right attitude, wants to do a job, has no objection whatsoever to serving under a younger man etc. Very vigorous health. So we strongly suggest you hold one of those slots for him. He would be highly respected by the Marine Corps Advisor, GVN types etc.

In a rush

Hyden.