

March 18, 1963
Life - Persons

Dear Rufus -

Have been having a time trying to put out of her. Personnel bucked at restoring my grade, or technical grounds to her, but have finally done so in sort of an odd way. With that hurdle over, the papers are moving again, nomination call will go out tomorrow and I will be as soon as I can.

Talked with Royal B. Smith this a.m. He is 53 years old, wants an R-4, is most attentive to all financial considerations, housing, allowances etc. He also seems to have intelligence and maturity. I am not desperately pro or con, and told Smith I would check with you the exact requirements of the moment to ascertain whether there would be a job or not. I am to let him know. From your experience in Laos, you have an idea as to how good a man he is. Could you write Stony you wishes in this matter? * US Army request has come up with a list of candidates, and Tom Wilson similarly has sent a thick wad of files on large selection types. Am starting to analyze them now. I think we can do better than Smith, honestly, but want your judgment on it. All other cases are pushing ahead. These include Albritton, Jordan, Daniels, Rupert, Stephan, Navarro etc.

An ex-MAC V intelligence officer, ex-St. Col. Frank H Young (Ret.) has applied for a PSD job in Saigon. He intends to retire presently in Saigon. He is a US citizen, born in the Philippines. Can't tell about him

* as I will hopefully know before you tell me.

how the Four 57. PSD does not want him but forwarded
it to the RA candidate. Perhaps someone would
put a line on him from Mac V.

Must need -

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