



Enroute to NYC
5 Nov '65

Dear Ed,

This is written in flight
to New York and Saudi Arabia.
I return to Washington on the
12th of November.

I got the tape. We played
it over at Val's house - Emma,
Helen and Elyette were there and
all enjoyed it very much. I'll
pass it around - consider it
historic, mainly because it has
Bo singing on it. I've never heard
Bo sing before in my life. Then
Merri Lodge's solos which are
pretty good. Sounds like you had
fun. I hope Sam is operating as
well as singing as a team
member.

Thought you and Lou would find
the enclosed interesting - another tor-
pedo inspired by whom I don't know.
Imagine you're still rolling with
the Kissinger press punch. Then I
see Ted got himself in the
news papers. Sorry I can't do any-
thing to help, only commiserate from
back here.

Mann has requested that an
AID team, headed by Bob Herder,
come out to advise him on the
organization of the Mission. Stoner
sicked them on me and I gave



Then a lengthy explanation on straightening
out the USOM chain of command to
the provinces, the dangers of regional
USOMs (contrary to our political efforts to
achieve Vietnamese unity) etc. Attempted
to give Sam a boost - question is
will he stand up and fight for the
authority he needs? Hender seemed
to receive my pitch well but the
former executive officer of the Mission,
Gottlieb, is a member and he's bad
news. Hender will try to have a
chat with you.

I think I finally got Mary McGrovy
together with Addis - at least I
caught her in N.Y. and she promised
to call him.

My own schedule until the end
of the year is as follows. I'll be
back in the U.S. on the 13th. I
have to go back to Saudi Arabia
on Nov 30 for about a week.
I could go on and spend a week
in Saigon but must be back in
the U.S. by 15 Dec. Question is
would a week be worth anything.
The other possibility would be to
come out early in Feb for a longer
stay. Would appreciate your thoughts
on this.

Give my best to all the team -
God bless!

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P.S. Please pass the enclosed letter
to Leo