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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Doctor John W. Taylor, of Seattle, Washington, has served as a Volunteer Physician in Vietnam under the AMA Volunteer Physician Program for twelve months, from November 2, 1971 until November 20, 1972.

During this time Doctor Taylor has worked continuously at Minh Quy hospital in Kontum, the hospital founded and still administered by Doctor Patricia Smith, of Seattle, Washington.

Doctor Taylor very quickly learned a respectable amount of the local Montagnard language and became Doctor Smith's most valuable and most valued assistant as both clinician and administrator.

In March of 1972, with the NVA offensive over-running Kontum, the entire hospital staff and some of its equipment and supplies needed to be air-lifted to Pleiku, Doctor Taylor took part in this move and helped to re-organize the Minh Quy hospital as a functioning part of the Pleiku Province Hospital.

During the absence of Doctor Smith from Pleiku and Vietnam, Doctor Taylor had the full responsibility of administrator and medical director of the hospital. He carried these duties in addition to being for long period of time the only physician for the hospital. In August 1972, Doctor Taylor moved the hospital back into Kontum after having made almost daily visits by helicopter to support the residual Montagnard hospital staff left in Kontum and to run a clinic for patients in Kontum.

I can fully and unreservedly recommend this highly motivated and dedicated young physician as a responsible and mature man. I believe he will be an outstanding contributor to medicine in whatsoever field he may choose to work.

Most sincerely,

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