

Minh-Quy Hospital  
Kontum, Viet Nam  
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To whom it may concern:

John W. Taylor, M.D., has been working at this hospital as a volunteer since November, 1971.

Dr. Taylor's work has been outstanding professionally, and in his relations with patients and local staff. In a situation where the bulk of our practice consists of diseases rarely or never seen in the United States, Dr. Taylor rapidly developed an expertise in tropical medicine, as well as delivering the highest quality medical care for more accustomed diseases. He has learned the local language, and is very well liked by the local people.

In addition to his medical duties, Dr. Taylor served as acting director of the hospital, as well as its chief physician between May and September, 1972, when I was forced to be absent from the country. Again, these duties were performed in an exceptional manner. This was a particularly difficult time for the hospital. In addition to increased military activity, and increased hazards for the staff of the hospital, the hospital was divided between Kontum and Pleiku at that time, due to the invasion of Kontum by unfriendly forces. In addition to supervising the Pleiku part of the endeavor, Dr. Taylor made daily trips to Kontum by helicopter, when the military circumstances permitted, to assist the local staff left there. This was done not only at great personal inconvenience, but also at real personal hazard.

Dr. Taylor has my highest recommendation, both as a general physician, with skills developed in tropical medicine, and as an administrator.

Sincerely,

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