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Vietnam

December 16, 1960

TO: Assistant Dean Ruben V. Austin, VNP Coordinator
FROM: John T. Dorsey, Jr.
SUBJECT: Viet Nam Advisory Committee meeting, Dec. 12

The minutes of our last meeting are a good record of what was, at times, an involved discussion. For the record, however, I would like to add a comment slightly modifying and qualifying a reported statement of mine on page 4, last paragraph.

The minutes imply that I may have been referring favorably to police administration courses proposed by Ralph Turner for insertion into the NIA curriculum. Since I do not recall having seen the Turner memorandum, I would like to make it clear that I was not referring to courses he may have proposed.

But more generally, since under the present three year program of the NIA the addition of any course or courses would require dropping one or more courses, I am not sure that I would favor the addition of even one new course in police administration. A recommendation to add a new course could be made only after careful review of the content of such courses as are not basic to the curriculum as it stands — and there are few which could be considered "not basic." The point I had meant to make in the meeting was that possibly some material on law enforcement administration could be worked into one or two existing courses, such as those on "criminal law" or "current administrative problems." Conceivably a whole course on law enforcement administration might be substituted for the latter, if the NIA would agree, which I am inclined to doubt. But to go beyond these rather limited measures would almost inevitably imply the establishment of a special police administration training section, which all of us are opposed to.

Let me add that I would favor encouraging the research in police administration of which Art Brandstatter spoke.

If the minutes of our Advisory Committee meetings go to Saigon, or if you send them recommendations based on them, I would much appreciate your assuring that this clarification of my opinion is seen by those in Saigon — and the other members of our committee here as well, if you wish.

Many thanks.

cc: JGL