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Dear Wes:

To answer your question:

Conclusion, pages 4 and 5.

Yes! The Corps Commanders (Generals) are now selling the province chiefs job - going rate 1 million piasters. Naturally, the purchaser must not only recoup but make some money as well, therefore, graft and corruption is rampant. Pity the poor, honest police chief who gets in the way. Just within past several weeks read report of impending transfer of Cao Xuan Hong (friend of mine for 12 years) presently Regional Police Director, IV Corps. Seems he blew whistle on a Military Security Service (MSS) Captain, Province Police Chief, in Kien Giang for extra-curricular graft activities. The report ends with statement, "Hong has reputation for being absolutely honest". I know he's honest and this is what happens to the truly patriotic people in Viet Nam.

For past year have noted a slow increase of MSS officer personnel in National Police. Reports indicate General Loan DGNP (wears 2 hats - head of MSS and National Police) placing his men in all important key positions within NP. Loan, in past few months has been applying pressures on the unions, especially CVT (Tran Quoc Buu). Just recently, however, he has informed Buu that if Buu can throw weight of CVT membership behind Ky, Ky will give Buu a ministry. Talk about any fairness in the forthcoming Presidential elections!

Police had a 10% raise in 1966, but piaster was devaluated.

Conclusion, page 7. Still valid. In fact, even more valid at this time.

Conclusion, page 11. Still valid. Situation re interpreters has worsened due to large American civilian buildup.

Conclusion, page 13-14.

Situation far worse now than one year ago. The following is quoted out of an unclassified weekly PSD report 30 May-5 June 1967.

"B. I Corps National Police Directorate.

1. Political unrest developed in I Corps as a result of clashes between National Police and troops of the Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) in Quang Tin Province. A new District Chief in Tien Phuoc District, Quang Tin Province, attempted measures to halt black-marketeering by the CIDG who were utilizing illegal aircraft. National Police conducted checks at the airfield of all commodities and seized all those not destined for government markets. The CIDG have threatened the lives of the District Chief and the District Police Chief. On May 29, 20 armed CIDG beat National Police officers and Popular Force soldiers assigned to duty at the airfield. Later in the day the Province Chief ordered all administrative functions of Tien Phuoc District closed. The Provincial Public Safety Advisor is attempting to establish liaison with US Special Force advisors to CIDG to quell disorder."

This is only one of frequent, almost daily confrontations had by National Police with Viet Nam Armed Forces.

The other day had a de-briefing session with 5 Provincial Operations (Prov. Ops- USOM) people. During discussion of general problems and particularly the National Police I asked, "Are we winning the war in Viet Nam?" One man had just completed his second tour and the remaining four, one tour each. All five stated that we were losing the war. Take note - Wes - these men worked in the provinces and districts. Not Saigon.

I too am very sorry that I am not returning to Viet Nam. I asked to be re-assigned there - all to no avail. Hope I can return there after a tour in Pakistan.

Charlotte and Kim are fine. Charlotte's pretty well worn out from all the moving in recent years. Kim is a jewel. Such a nice, good natured, intelligent daughter. A joy to have.

Love to you and Jane and children.

Sincerely,

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*LV the 30th of June
for new assignment.
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