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Dear General Richardson,

I am enclosing some recent reports prepared by our first group of China FAO's to finish the complete program under the restructured Chinese Mandarin POI.

I think you will agree that these officers, in addition to having had an exciting adventure, have learned a lot and should now be prepared to contribute to the Army's mission of developing a relationship with China. I'm not sure what we'll do with 20 "Vinegar Joe Stilwells" in the Army but I guarantee we will have a pool of real China specialists. The new group of four officers who just arrived from DLI are impressive and scored very well in our initial diagnostic tests.

As you may have guessed I am extremely grateful for your help in getting the assignment to DLI. I am quite excited about the job and am anxious to get started. I believe there is a lot to be accomplished there. I am especially thankful for the opportunity to prove to myself that I am more than just a China specialist. The management challenge is clear.

On a different topic . . . I recall when I was in Beijing and you lead the Education Delegation to China, you mentioned in your trip report that a security assistance office should be established separately from the DAO office. I was horrified at the time, but I must now say I was wrong. As we get closer to the establishment of some form of "Defense Cooperation Office" I can see daily the wisdom of your recommendation.

I hope to be in Fort Monroe in early August on the way to DLI. I hope I can pay a courtesy call on you at that time.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: China Foreign Area Officer Program

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1. The China Foreign Area Officer Program is a four year program designed to provide US Army officers with a combination of language and area studies. The first year is at a civilian university and is intended to develop an analytical foundation for the study of China. The second year, at the Defense Language Institute, is to provide the basic patterns and vocabulary for the Chinese Mandarin language. The last two years are to refine both the language and area studies with a combination of intensive advanced language study and field research. The field research is to combine academic research of available literature in English and Chinese with field interviews in China using the language.
2. The FAO makes several trips into China during his two-year tour in Hong Kong. During each trip he makes and records observations which will contribute to his predetermined research topic. The topics are carefully selected to assure that the subject is not likely to embarrass the US government. The topic is not critical to the learning goals which are: using Chinese language in real interviews and reporting results in well-organized reports.
3. Enclosure 1 is a sample of a recent trip report which illustrates the philosophy of this approach to learning. Enclosure 2 is a recent example of an interim report leading toward the ultimate product. The letter report is an excellent example of using the research skills learned in graduate school, the ability to use written Chinese language materials and the ability to conduct operational or field interviews in Chinese. The reporting FAO in this case is within six months of graduation.
4. These reports will become examples for other China FAO's. They show the development of linguistic, analytical and writing skills. We are proud of the accomplishment of these FAO officers and we offer these reports as examples for other FAO programs.

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