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SUBJECT: Requirements for Foreign Area Specialists (AGAM-P (M) 210.31 (24 Oct 62) OPO)

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1. Headquarters, Department of the Army, is making a one-time, world wide inventory of all commissioned officer positions to which graduates of the Foreign Area Specialist Training Program (FASTP) should be assigned to determine the overall requirements for officers to fill such positions. This inventory will provide information needed to forecast personnel and training requirements and to assist in the selection of FASTP officers. The data requested are to be used for planning purposes only, and will not eliminate the requirement for requisitioning officer replacements as outlined in AR 614-185.

2. The Foreign Area Specialist Training Program (FASTP) was established under the provisions of AR 350-23 to provide officers with essential foreign area training to meet anticipated needs of the Department of the Army. Officers are trained to the maximum practical extent in the total culture of a people, including their language, and in the geographical aspects of the area studied. The program is expensive, requiring two and one-half to four years to complete. Only high-quality career-minded officers are selected for this training. Officers are expected to maintain their basic branch qualifications; consequently they may be utilized in assignments which exploit concurrently their branch skills and their FASTP training, as in certain MAAG or mission assignments. Since some of the FASTP graduates have had extensive intelligence experience, they are particularly useful in intelligence assignments wherein they can be relied on to provide useful estimates concerning the areas in which they have specialized. It is emphasized that FASTP officers should be utilized in positions wherein their entire FASTP training can be exploited; not just their language proficiency.

3. Officers have been trained or are being trained in the following areas in limited numbers in the grades of Captain through Colonel. Except where otherwise indicated, the officers are currently available.

East Europe

East European Satellites (1967)
Greece
Russia

East Asia

China
Japan

Southwest Asia

Arab World
India
Iran
Pakistan
Turkey

Southeast Asia

Thailand (1964)
Vietnam (1964)
Remainder of SE Asia (1966)

Latin American

Mexico (1964)
Central America (1966)
Northern So. America (1964)
Brazil (1964)
Southern So. America (1964)

Africa (Sub-Sahara)

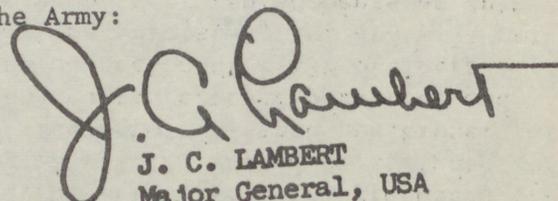
West Africa (1964)
Central Tropical (1964)
East Central (1964)

4. Each action addressee will submit a one-time report, listing separately by each area mentioned in paragraph 3, the positions to which they desire graduates of the FASTP assigned. Reports will show the unit designation, TOE or TD number, paragraph and line number of the TOE or TD, position title, grade, branch, and MOS. Indicate for each position whether the position is branch material, arms material, or branch immaterial. Identify positions for Army Intelligence or Army Security officers as "I&S-branch material."

5. Information addresses are invited to submit the information requested in paragraph 4, if they desire assignment of FAST Program officers to their organizations.

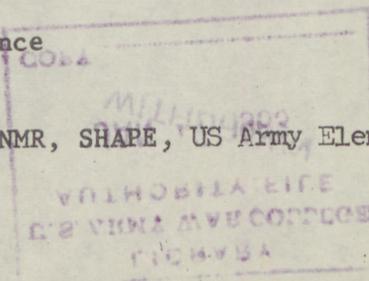
6. Completed reports will be dispatched in duplicate to the Chief, Personnel Operations, ATTN: OPXC, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., not later than 28 February 1963.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:


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