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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications  
Director of Finance  
Director of Logistics  
Director of Medical Services  
Director of Personnel  
Director of Security  
Director of Training

SUBJECT : Wives and Families of Agency Assignees to  
Vietnam

1. Two senior Support Directorate officers reported on their return from TDY in Saigon that a number of Vietnam Station officers reflected unhappiness and disappointment at the total lack of interest in families of Vietnam assignees on the part of their Agency State-side colleagues. They indicated that once the sponsor departed friends and associates seemed to drop the Vietnam families regardless of the closeness of relationships earlier on.

2. I would appreciate your raising this matter appropriately within your offices with a view to encouraging periodic contact to demonstrate at least in a small way an interest in the separated families on a personal basis as well as to indicate some appreciation on the part of the Agency and the assigning component of the sacrifices which separated Vietnam assignments entail.

(signed) John W. Coffey

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