

VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS STAFF

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

DATE: 9 Apr 70

TO:

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FROM: GACarver, Jr.

SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Per our various conversations, I have redone [Redacted] nomination and proposed citation. I hope this meets your needs, but will be pleased to revise it yet again if required. He deserves this decoration and I want to do all I can to see that he gets it.

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Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS AN INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH AND
OPERATIONS OFFICER DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1966 TO AUGUST 1968.
DURING THIS PERIOD HIS PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE POSSIBLE
SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY OF THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT'S INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS OF VIETNAM DEVELOPMENTS.
HIS CONTRIBUTIONS WERE ALSO OF DIRECT BENEFIT IN IMPROVING THE
CONDUCT OF SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION AND/OR ACTION
OPERATIONS AND IN FOSTERING EFFECTIVE LIAISON BETWEEN MILITARY
AND CIVILIAN COMPONENTS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITH VIETNAM
INTELLIGENCE RESPONSIBILITIES. HE ALSO PROVIDED INVALUABLE
ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNIQUES OR DEVICES OF PROVEN
UTILITY IN COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS. DURING THIS ASSIGNMENT
HE WAS GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVISING, DEVELOPING AND
SUPERVISING A FACILITY, FOR WHICH THERE WERE NO PROTOTYPES OR
PRECEDENTS ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THAT
COULD SUPPORT THE OPERATIONAL AND ANALYTICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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IN THE VIETNAM AREA AND PROVIDE CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF AND OTHER SENIOR UNITED STATES CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS. FROM THE BASIC CONSTRUCTION TO THE COMPLETION OF THE CENTER, HE SUPERVISED AND HELPED DESIGN ALL ASPECTS, TO INCLUDE THE FINAL EMPLACEMENT OF ELECTRONIC, GRAPHIC, CARTOGRAPHIC AND OTHER DISPLAY EQUIPMENT. UNDER HIS SUPERVISION THE CENTER HAS PROVED TO BE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO THE SENIOR LEVELS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN MAKING AVAILABLE A FACILITY THAT PRODUCED ON THE SHORTEST NOTICE A GRAPHIC, FACTUAL, ALL-SOURCE PRESENTATION OF FREE WORLD AND ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE EFFICIENTLY AND SKILLFULLY INTERFACED AND MESHED THE WORK OF THIS CENTER WITH THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER, THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THE WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM TO SUPPORT THE TOTAL UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT VIETNAM EFFORT. THE CENTER MAJOR BLASCAK DESIGNED HAS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE 25X1
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FOR HIM THE RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE OF ALL WITH WHOM HE WAS ASSOCIATED. HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND THE MILITARY SERVICE.

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25X1 [redacted] Military Intelligence, United States Army, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious achievement during the period January 1966 to August 1968, while serving as Intelligence Research Officer, Vietnamese Affairs Staff, Office of the Director of Central Intelligence. [redacted] 25X1 achievements and contributions covered a wide spectrum of functional and substantive areas. Drawing on his wealth of personal experience in various types of military responsibilities in Vietnam, he was able to make a continuing series of valuable suggestions for improving the conduct of certain activities for which the CIA was then responsible in Vietnam and in Laos. He quickly became thoroughly familiar with all aspects of Agency procedure and methodology and through his detailed knowledge of the problems and outlook of both the Agency and the military services, particularly the US Army, throughout this assignment, [redacted] 25X1 made a continuing series of effective, valuable contributions to working level liaison between Agency officers and their colleagues in the military services.

25X1 [redacted] also played a direct and essential role in the development of several techniques and devices that have more than proved their worth in counterinsurgency operations conducted by the Agency in the Indochina area and have potential applicability and utility for counterinsurgency operations conducted by any component of the US Government in many parts of the world. To cite but two of the many examples that could be adduced, [redacted] 25X1 played a key role in the development of a device that makes it possible for primitive tribal guerrilla-type teams operating deep in enemy territory to report a wealth of sophisticated, complex intelligence information on a near-real time basis. He also played a key role in developing what is now the best extant device/technique for screening large groups of ostensible civilians to determine who among them are the guerrillas by pinpointing those who have recently handled or fired weapons (and, in many instances, identifying which weapons they have handled or fired). In assisting the development of these (and other) devices and techniques, [redacted] 25X1 worked closely with the technical inventors or designers (often drawing on his own experience to keep them apprised of the actual conditions under which their innovations or inventions would have to be used), helped set up and handle the administrative mechanics involved in such developmental projects, helped structure the optimum, most realistic possible test situations in the United States and in the field, and participated personally in the conduct of their successful field tests in the Indochina area.

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During his period of assignment to the Agency, [] made a contribution to this Agency's, and the US Government's, total Vietnam effort of particular importance and lasting effect. During the early part of his assignment, it became apparent that some facility would have to be developed to enable the Vietnamese Affairs Staff to handle the enormous flow of all-source intelligence, cable and other media traffic, factual holdings, graphic presentations, and other inputs of developing data on the Vietnamese situation. The facility had to be capable of collating and integrating this vast data flow in a meaningful way that would support the operational and analytical responsibilities in the Vietnam area, which included the provision of continuing support to the White House Staff and other senior US civilian and military officials. [] was given the responsibility of devising, developing and supervising this facility, for which there was no prototype or precedent anywhere in the US Government. With only the most minimal supervision, he began the research and planning for the facility. He spent literally hundreds of research hours personally working with architects, design engineers, and building contractors in planning the most efficient facility possible to meet the unique and expanding needs. From the beginning of the basic construction to the completion of the Center, he supervised and helped design every aspect of it, from heavy construction to the final emplacement of electronic, graphic, cartographic, and other display equipment. He laid out the work flow pattern for greatest efficiency and delimited the specific work requirements for the personnel who would work under his supervision in the Center. Since the opening of the Center, it has proved to be of inestimable value to the senior levels of the United States Government in making available a facility that could produce on the shortest notice a graphic, factual, all-source presentation of US and enemy activities in Vietnam and Laos. The Center has been visited, used and praised by many senior US Government officials, including those of Cabinet and sub-Cabinet rank and General and Flag rank military officers with Vietnam responsibilities. The Center also provided effective working level support and assistance to officers and offices with Vietnam responsibilities throughout the Washington community. [] has efficiently and skillfully interfaced and meshed the work of this Center with the National Military Command Center, the National Security Agency, the State Department Operations Center, and the White House Situation Room to support the total US Government Vietnam effort.

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25X1 Since [] return to his parent service in August
1968, the Center he designed and created has continued to operate
efficiently and usefully under the policies and procedures []
25X1 [] personally developed and devised, which have proved
farsighted and flexible enough to meet all the many demands placed
upon them. Without this Center, much that the Agency has done in
both the operational and analytic field to support the US Government's
endeavors in Vietnam and, for that matter, throughout Indochina
simply could not have been accomplished. Furthermore, this Center
and its attendant operational procedures that [] devised
25X1 will serve as a model of precedent for any future responses to
intelligence/operational problem areas of a complexity (or magnitude)
similar to the struggle in Vietnam.

25X1 One could go on at considerable additional length citing other
specific examples of contributions to this Agency and the US Govern-
ment made by [] during his period of assignment here. The
above, however, should be amply illustrative of the caliber and
effectiveness of his performance. Day in and day out, []
25X1 intelligence, capacity for handling and synthesizing complex problems
and his efficient address to tasks large or small, all coupled to his
integrity, mature judgment, dedication and devotion to duty won him
the respect, confidence and admiration of all with whom he was
associated. His outstanding achievements were in keeping with the
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