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To Mr. Mirkin

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
PEACE CORPS

Mal: Good possibility  
Can you draft (briefly)  
a letter that I can  
send to these 2 orgs  
to open the dialogue.  
Perhaps I can go out to  
discuss at end  
of February

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# PEACE CORPS

Washington, D. C. 20525

December 16, 1969

MEMORANDUM TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

THROUGH: *Joseph C. Kennedy*  
Joseph C. Kennedy, EAP Regional Director

FROM: *Mel Mirkin*  
Mel Mirkin, PTO/Micronesia

SUBJECT: Recruiting Lawyers for Peace Corps

Although I am primarily interested in Micronesia, perhaps what I am about to say will be deemed applicable to other countries.

Part of the difficulties we have encountered with our Micronesia lawyers program can undoubtedly be attributed to their youth and inexperience. Where we want to participate in developing institutions and systems rather than providing advocates for individuals who have specific grievances, I think we would be well-advised to recruit men who have evidenced some ability for restraint along with a devotion to the law as a process.

Since, under the "New Directions" we can look to heads of households and non-matrixed spouses and offer shorter terms of service, I think it might be profitable to survey retired judges or those who are about to retire. There are two associations with which we could deal for this purpose. They are:

1. National Conference of State Trial Judges
2. Appellate Judges' Conference

*EMH  
to handle  
himself*

2216-429930

Both may be reached through the American Center address:

1155 East 60th Street,  
Chicago, Illinois 60637.

A general sounding would seem proper before any formal negotiation is begun. Since the proposal would be more attractive from the Office of the Director rather than that of the Micronesia Desk Officer (not to denigrate my demonstrated talents in this realm) and the fact that you are from the Chicago area and, I presume, occasionally return, I was wondering if you would consider contacting the organizations sometime your travels took you to Chicago. If you deem the idea without merit or want me or someone else to shake it down, please advise.