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(1) Unprecedented response Micronesia appeal has resulted in over 2,000 applicants to date. Total 2,500 expected. In addition 77 terminating Volunteers have indicated interest reenroll Trust Territory. This number expected reach 150-200 and will supply excellent community development, health and teaching input.

(2) Most of these applicants available during next 90-120 days making it necessary we do utmost take advantage their availability in two phases training. Expect selection factor will be about 4 applicants for every trainee.

(3) Delany visit has resulted in fairly firm Phase I program outlined below. Purpose this cable solicit your views Phase I and Phase II.

(4) Phase I (late July or early August training with first arrival Vols beginning early October) includes approximately 400 Vols as follows:

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(a) Education/Island Development--177 elementary teachers/
island development; 18 secondary teachers/island development.

(b) Health/Island Development--80 health developers; 11 nurses;
6 pharmacists; 6 lab techs; 3 X-ray techs; 18 community development
supervisors.

(c) Public Works--12 civil engineers; 18 surveyors; 6 architects/
city planners.

(d) Public Administration--6 lawyers (public defenders);
6 small business.

(5) Phase I represents suggested addition to final Delany meeting
with Hawkins of 12 additional community development supervisors. Avail-
ability among reenrolling Volunteers of experienced community developers
leads us believe that 3 community development supervisors each District
not repeat not excessive. Would allow community development supervisor
to participate in several outlying projects simultaneously. Is this
desirable?

(6) In addition Phase I, I foresee availability among applicants
of people with athletic and youth backgrounds. Would appreciate your
response to proposition that 2 repeat 2 of these Volunteers be
assigned each District to work with programs similar to evolving Youth

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Corps in Palau and serve in critical area youth and athletic work among drop-outs in other districts, 16 to 25 years of age, who might otherwise pose delinquency problems. Also see properly trained Vols this area as excellent assistants to public defenders working among youth.

(7) Also solicit your views on Phase II which is still tentative. Large input applicants suggests we can respond to request approximately 50 Vols for mission elementary schools. In addition, we are discussing proposition wherein 70-80 Vols would receive special medical training similar to Armed Forces medics in order to assist staffing outlying clinics. Have immunization programs in mind particularly.

(8) In addition, Phase II might include programs in radio communications and perhaps Territory newspaper. If newspaper idea feasible, would like to solicit support some Foundation.

(9) Also interested prospects Phase II agriculture program. Will have better information as soon as applicants, both US and reenrolled Vols analyzed.

(10) In addition, Peace Corps from time to time will cable roster of very special skills in order get your reaction. For example, one applicant ~~kw~~ has Master's degree education and currently serves as Assistant Dean San Francisco State College in charge

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educational services. Wife qualified physical therapist. Query:
Can wife be fully utilized as such?

(11) While certain problems of absorption of large numbers Vols no doubt exist in TT I feel that combination of availability Vols and great need TT takes precedence. Can phase arrival in Territory over period of two to three weeks both in Phase I and II to ease pressures. However my view is that opportunity should not be lost. Request your reactions.

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