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Mr. Arthur Flemming, Chairman
President's Commission on White House Fellows
Room 1308
1900 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20415

Dear Sir,

~~I am a Captain in the Regular Army serving in Vietnam.~~ I competed for a White House Fellowship this year and have learned that I have not been selected as a semi-finalist.

This does not alter my intent to give of myself or my conviction that I have a great deal to offer in public service.

As an officer, I can accomplish my own fellowship: an assignment on return from Vietnam that challenges me to the limits of my abilities. ~~Through this challenge I can undergo the same sort of learning and growth that the Fellowship itself offers.~~

If you feel it appropriate, after review of my application, I ask that my application be circulated among those government officers who may wish to have me assigned to them. I am particularly interested in the staff of the National Security Council and the Office of Strategic Research of the CIA. Military personnel can be assigned to these organizations, and I believe my application establishes a firm case for my usefulness to both of them.

I turn to you for help because I believe my request is in the spirit of the Fellowship Program's goals: I have much to offer and am desperate for the learning and growing experience that government staff offers. I have told Army personnel of my desires; the attached letter summarizes my position with respect to the Army.

I am due to leave Vietnam in June, but I can report to my new job as early as May 5. Leaving Vietnam in May is possible if this is requested of the Army by my new office. If interviews are desired, I think 7 days in Washington in March can be arranged if the Army and I receive requests from the people who wish to see me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John P Wheeler