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Dear Matt,

I have learned that I won't be asked to regional interviews in the White House Fellowship competition; I did my best but am not one of the winners. This does not alter my intent to give of myself or my conviction that I have a great deal to offer in public service.

I would be grateful for help in obtaining my next assignment. I can accomplish my own fellowship: a job at government staff level that challenges me to the limits of my abilities. Through this challenge I will undergo the same sort of learning and growing that the Fellowship itself offers.

An NSC job is my first choice. I interviewed last year with Gene Leggett in the CIA's Office of Strategic Research, and Gene asked the Army to assign me to him. Vietnam intervened. If NSC is not feasible or unsure, I would greatly enjoy the CIA opportunity. Mr. Helms, of course, is on the NSC.

Interviews might be desired. I think seven days in Washington can be arranged if the Army receives a request from the people who wish to see me. I leave Vietnam in June but can (and very much want to) report to my new job as early as May 5. Leaving Vietnam in May is possible if requested of the Army by my new office. A May start means I can leave Vietnam sooner.

Two letters are enclosed. The one to Arthur Flemming asks help of the Fellowship Commission in obtaining my next assignment. I hope this does not set you at cross purposes. The letter to the Army states my firm desires. I am prepared to tender my intent to resign if they do not support my request.

I ask your help in coordinating with Mr. Flemming and others you may know to secure me a post in NSC or CIA.

Thank you very much for your encouragement and friendship.

Sincerely,

Jack