

Thursday, 23 January 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

At 10:00 A.M. today my immediate superior in CE/CS, CPT Michael Hix, met with the acting chief of CIAB, William Parkinson, for the purpose of discussing what effect my acceptance of a direct commission in Military Intelligence would have on my assignment with CIAB. In view of the desire of both men to retain me in CIAB, Mr. Parkinson placed a call to COL Elvin Dalton, Officer Personnel Directorate, Military Intelligence Branch.

COL Dalton was informed that my retention in CIAB was strongly desired in view of my background, qualifications and past performance in connection with my assignment. It was further stated that such retention would in no way interfere with the morale or discipline of the Branch but, rather, would assist the Branch in the accomplishment of its mission.

COL Dalton stated that it was an inviolate policy of the Army to make a transfer of assignment in such cases. He went on to state that should I accept the commission I would lose my 97B40 Special Agent, Counterintelligence MOS and would be sent to Ft. Benning, Georgia for nine weeks of tactical infantry training. This would be followed by a combat, ^(S-2 BTU dull) not counterintelligence, assignment and would be preceded by a four week combat intelligence officer course at Ft. Holobird. The only way to retain a counterintelligence MOS or acquire an Area MOS would be by extending one full year for a total cumulative enlistment of approximately four years. The combat officer assignment would involve a Vietnam tour in all probability, as would the counterintelligence assignment. It could be followed by a tour at a CONUS Army base MI Detachment or a United States Army Intelligence Command assignment in a remote part of the country.

*Subsequent Sterling Adjutant 20th meeting
4 days ago. Argues w/ Viet too to stay - still comes later*