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difficulty over the past several years in performing adequate support services for the MAAG. We feel that since your Department will now establish a complete administrative unit for THAI, it would be appropriate to consider the transfer of all support arrangements for MAAG from the Embassy's jurisdiction as soon as practicable. I understand that the MAAG mission in Saigon has given considerable thought to this proposition in the last several months and I would like to urge that the appropriate administrative units of our two Departments begin formulating definite plans for such a transfer.

I shall appreciate your views as soon as it is convenient and hope that you will concur in the points expressed above. A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Allen Dulles, Director, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, and to the American Ambassador to Saigon.

Sincerely yours,

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