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From: Commanding Officer
To: Personnel Concerned; Immediate family and close friends

Subj: Return for Rehabilitation; case of CPL JAY ROTH

1. CPL JAY ROTH, having completed a tour of duty in the Far East, has been permitted to return to the Continental United States for a period of rest and rehabilitation. Just keep in mind that this Marine has in all probability been subjected to severe psychological traumas. You should consider it your solemn duty to assist in his rehabilitation in every possible way. Aside from the most obvious measure of bestowing affection in inordinate quantities, there are certain other measures that can be taken to facilitate readjustment and prevent a relapse of Asiaticus Fanaticus.

2. Very soon the above named person will be in your midst. He will be de-Americanized, demoralized and dehydrated. He will be ready once again to take his rightful place as a Human Being with freedom and justice for all, ready to engage in life, liberty and a somewhat delayed pursuit of happiness.

3. To assist you in your efforts, Enclosure (1) is forwarded.

S. O. BLACKMAN

1. To assist your efforts, here is a description of usual and unusual behavior.

A. On first meeting he will probably make you empty the contents of your handbag on the ground. This is a routine inspection so rest assured that no offense is intended.

B. He will at first be armed at all times and insist that others do the same.

C. He will recommend building a sandbag bunker in the front yard.

D. The pursuit of various nighttime activities are:

1. Guzzling beer and smoking incessantly
2. Stealing occasional glances at the outside cloud cover
3. Clearing exit routes to doors
4. Continuous pacing of the floor
5. Crashing blindly through the room at the sound of any loud siren

E. He may prefer to:

1. Squat rather than sit
2. Slyly offer to sell cigarettes to the mailman
3. Pick at his food suspiciously as though looking for bugs or poison
4. Try to buy everything at less than asking prices
5. Accuse the local merchants of being thieves of the VC

F. Don't be surprised if he answers most questions with:

1. Number one
2. Sorry 'bout that
3. Di di mau
4. I. H. T. F. P.

G. Be tolerant of his profanity. In a few weeks it will decrease enough to permit him to associate with mixed groups. In a relatively short time he can be taught to speak English.

H. Don't be concerned when your Marine stares at a "Round-eye" woman. It has been a long time and he will soon recall and accept their configuration.

I. He may enter and start cars with great misgivings, fearing a booby trap and then drive with caution at intervals to avoid the mines in the road.

J. Until he relearns, he may be found to pick up a phone and scream "Are you working" or "Rose Ann".

K. He may extract a small device from his pocket and open assorted canned foods and devour them cold.

L. He may inquire why the neighbors aren't working in the rice paddies.

M. He may scorn western dress and wear only thongs with scivies, a towel or nothing.

N. You may notice thousand yard stares in a ten foot room.

2. You may wish to dine out. (Absolutly not in an Oriental restaurant) A few precautions:

A. He will refuse to enter buildings without steel mesh protecting doors and windows.

B. For the first few times he may bring his own eating utensils, plate and cup.

C. Dont let him order anything to drink unless you like beer, tea or kool-aid.

D. If he takes a long time in the rest room he may be playing with the hot and cold running water or trying to remember how to flush the toilet.

E. Don't be surprised if he strains all his drinks for broken glass.

F. Remain calm if he mixes his soup, meat, potatoes and cake into one conglomerate and wolfes it down.

G. He may insist in cleaning his own place and washing his own dishes.

H. Dinner conversation should not include:

1. Exotic Southeast Asia

2. Benifits of overseas duty

3. Tropical climates

4. Marine Corps chow

5. Reenlistment

6. That the boy down the street did his time in the service in the States

3. His bedroom manners will require much understanding. Strange behavior may be as follows:

A. Be tolerant if he sprays half a bottle of insect repellent on the bed and refers to the mattress as a "rubber lady".

B. He will probably sleep with a pistol under the pillow or at the bedside.

C. He will insist on sleeping under a mosquito net.

D. Don't be alarmed if he awakes screaming "Incoming, incoming" and dives under the bed, or crashes through the bedroom door in search of a bunker.

E. Don't try to sneak up on him at night. However, if you feel the need to awaken him for some reason, stand at the door and shout loudly, "Snoopy launch" or "Reactionary Platoon"

4. Below are some of the do's and don'ts.

A. Don't:

1. Mention anything about camping out trips or going to the beach.

2. Serve reconstituted milk, powdered eggs, instant coffee or vienna sausage.

3. Offer any comments on the Army, Navy or Air Force.

B. Do:

1. Inform all friends to stay away from the house for at least 48 hours; this is the danger period.

2. Give an abundance of love.

3. Keep in mind that beneath this tanned and rugged exterior there beats a heart of gold. Treasure it for it is the only thing of value he has left, although he has tried to pawn it on occasion. Treat him with kindness and give him an occasional quart of cold fresh milk and you will be able to rehabilitate this hollow shell of a man you once knew.

5. Send no letters to FPO 96602 after 10 December 1968 for he is leaving the Tropics in a short time and heading for the land of all night generators and accesable plumbing.

6. FILL THE ICE BOX WITH BEER! GET THE KIDS OFF THE STREET!

THE KID IS COMING HOME!!!!!!