

From Mr. Hacker: I trained for a year at VTC (Vietnam Training Center) in Arlington, Virginia before my arrival in Vietnam in January 1969. The year-long training program included 48 weeks of language training. Consequently, when I arrived in-country I could speak, read, and write Vietnamese.

The program I worked in, the Chieu Hoi program, (sometimes referred to as "Open Arms") used a variety of means to induce the Viet Cong to lay down their weapons and come over to the Government of Vietnam side. Bob Goodenough was the JUSPAO (Joint United States Public Affairs Office), under USIS.