

Clerks Ran the Army

good old Uncle Sam
in his paternal kindness
thought of everything

gave us GI's weeks
of Rest & Relaxation
in exotic lands

chartered flight, hotel,
poor man's VIP treatment
once per year, they said

a mere records clerk
went to Taiwan, Philippines,
and Singapore too

I could do favors
a "lost" reprimand, perhaps
—clerks ran the army



Photo: In Singapore on R&R leave from Vietnam, 1968

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