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Mr. John P. Vann, Director
Second Regional Assistance Group
APO 96350

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Dear Mr. Vann:

I want you to know of the outstanding job done by Captain Richard Leanza, protocol officer for MR 2. You may have heard that I was the escort officer for Mr. Malcolm Butler, from the office of Management and Budget in Washington. I worked with Captain Leanza setting up an itinerary for the one long day that Mr. Butler and I were in MR 2. The day started off with a bang right away when our Air America flight had to return to Tan Son Nhut because of a landing mechanism problem. By the time we were able to get on a second plane and get to Nha Trang, we were two hours behind on a very tight schedule. That fact, coupled with several other visitors to MR 2 that day, made life miserable for Captain Leanza as he madly juggled schedules, helicopters, luncheons, etc. I was impressed with the fine job he did for us and wanted you to know that both Mr. Butler and I appreciated Captain Leanza's efforts in our behalf. Mr. Butler got the maximum out of the short time in MR 2 and goes back to Washington better informed about the problems that you and the Vietnamese encounter.

My thanks also to Mr. Larry Flanagan, who put on a fine lunch for Mr. Butler on very short notice because of the problems mentioned above.

Sincerely yours,

Tony

cc: Cpt Leanza

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