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My Dear LAWRENCE

I hope you will permit me to call you "Dear", because our relations may be in this state. Oh if I could go abroad especially to America to learn and practice my English, I will write better to you. I think I write rather bad and hardly represent faithfully my opinions.

After being at barracks at Saigon, we are being sent to Quang Trung; it is a third reception center of recruits, where we must be present for making our military service. Life here is rather hard. Every season of Saigon makes us ill men because of catching cold. Many of us leave here after some days of examination to see whether we are healthy enough to be soldiers.

Only my friends and me, being the NVA students (national institute of administration) of seventh and eighth promotion, who have graduated as warrant officers of national formation center of NVA at Nha-Trung, must wait for a long time. In the matter of fact, they don't intend yet how to use us, whether:

- we are conveyed to fight at battle like the others - O.K. but a little damage.
 - appointed to the positions fitting for our careers like Army Service corps or the directorate of administration and budget ... - difficult. all these places are full.
 - again, we return to the district to become assistant of chief district as we have just been before being present... a little ridiculous. Subsequently, I think we perhaps must wait for a long time on.
- Mr. Commander of the center, being aware of our condition, demands for us a permission eight days to go out. In those days I have made confidence with one of my dear friends, he says that is sure the way is just, valuable, worth

of encouragement that I intend to pursue it. he hopes has occasion to collaborate with.

Then my first affair is to return to Saigon to meet you. But the center have take my identity and give me one privisory paper. The Vietnamese genl of your office refuse, I explain the problem to the American, he calls you but you are not there.

I wonder if you went to Sing. MAO to take the document and any obstacle could happen. If you did, I must meet you and receive your opinion. My friend intended to go to your address. it seems he is scrupulous, he don't know you. For me I don't know if you were at home. at your office, a new formality adopted requests a stranger must be invited by one of your men.

I return to my home and write to you. I hope you will answer me as soon as you have received my letter. it is difficult to know what you can help for my opinions, although I keep in mind a hope you can, because for me, that is a great problem, useful and at least harmless. I think about social welfare and the young generation. if we have a genius we must have talent. I think you are also busy to think about it. Vietnamese society has an uncontinuation between generations. The men of the present time are ones of a young generation. In the other hand, it is possibly said that they have power but no leadership. I think I feel that by helping the young to win leadership - not power - we can make great social progress and useful operations, and establish a stable society in future in order to fight against communist China. Why we distinguish power and leadership - the two factors

could be the same, but in Vietnam now they are ² separated. It is in the matter of fact a lack, and this lack is an occasion that God reserve for whoevers have good will and talent to serve their society to meet say way, I try to write nearly thousand pages. I will hand to you gradually. I think with my friends we can do the more, especially when we have gathered the young talents.

Show to conquer leadership for young generation. This answer is a plan, a peaceful and gradual plan I will write in the third part of the document.

you would think that I like politics. really I don't like it I have tendency in religion. I can talk with others friends the problem but I see in them more or least ambition hostility and selfishness and themselves they are a great number - many of them members of parties are not good men. So that I hope my opinions can help you to find a good way to reconstruct our society giving the best men, the young generation.

Numerous are the young and good minds who always wait for a luck to contribute to social welfare and the government exploits only 3/10 their ability.

We hope that 7/10 of the rest is taken by you because you have more available conditions

hope to see you and receive your letter
your sincerely

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