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Dear Peter:

Your letter of August 10 reached me only today, since I have been away on vacation. You did not enclose the brochure containing Gullion's views on Viet-Nam, and therefore I cannot comment on them. When I talk on Viet-Nam, it is from notes because I like to stay away from the formalized presentation and create an atmosphere of informal and free exchange, to the extent possible. Gullion served in Viet-Nam many years ago and has not been closely connected with operations in that country in recent years. I don't know how anyone could get too good a picture of the present situation without having served there during the period since 1968. On the other hand, he undoubtedly has followed the situation from this distance, and I might or might not agree with him, depending upon what his views were.

At this writing you are undoubtedly catching bass in Canada. If bass, why not trout? After you come back, and particularly if you are in this area, it would be a real pleasure to get together and discuss fishing and Viet-Nam or both, depending upon which you assign the highest priority to. I will also talk about West Virginia which, as you know, far surpasses Virginia for rugged and untrampled beauty. I attended the Orvis fishing school in Manchester, Vermont, about ten days ago and was appalled by the traffic, with every third car bearing a New York license plate. In West Virginia, one can still sense the spirit of the frontier, or old-time rural America as it was generations ago.

In any case, I look forward to our next reunion with great pleasure.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Ogden Williams