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Dear Jim:

You have now been in country long enough to have found your feet, and I would be interested to hear any reactions you might have that might help us to do a better job back here at VTC. By now you must have encountered many times the paradoxes of Viet-Nam, including so much that is good and so much that is bad, and so much that could be better "if only . . ." I was either fortunate or unfortunate enough — I believe the former — to get there in the old days and have an image of Viet-Nam as it used to be buried rather deeply in my consciousness. I hope it will be that way again one day, with a few improvements. I continue to think that our withdrawal will solve a lot of problems provided it is done in a reasonably rapid but responsible manner. The ultimate outcome is up to the Vietnamese, and I just hope that they will be able to cope, not only to assure the accomplishment of America's only purpose in the area, but also in the interest of those many thousands of fine Vietnamese who would otherwise be left to the mercies of the other side.

In any case, it would be fun to hear anything you have to say if you ever have enough time to write. I should imagine that an assignment in Danang, with close proximity to both the U.S. and Vietnamese bureaucracies, would be a lot less satisfying than one in the provinces.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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