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Mr. Paul Starr
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Dear Paul:

Your Christmas card wandered around AID and finally reached me today. I was about to do some research in AID to get your permanent address in any case, because after you left Scandinavia, you dropped out of sight and I really did not want to lose contact. I would be fascinated to learn what you plan to do after you get your PhD and whether the Japanese girl proves to be better than the Dutch-Indonesian, or vice versa.

Here the job at VTC is very interesting and rewarding, as Washington jobs go, largely because of its heavy involvement with people. Last fall we had a real time here as a result of the moratorium psychology. We have a student bulletin board where everyone can put up anything, and it sometimes is a very entertaining board indeed. I spend weekends down in West Virginia on my 200-acre farm, which is the nearest thing to paradise this side of Viet-Nam or, I should say, Taiwan. I visited the old country in late September and early October and ran into Miss Tuyet at Tan Son Nhut. She was also coming back from Hong Kong, and I later found out, not from her, that she had been up there with Charlie Benoit, who had been rusticated from Viet-Nam and was taking a language course in Taiwan or Japan. The latest was that she was trying to get him to set up her and her entire family in France where he would join them in due course. The old gang in the Chieu Hoi office was a bit upset because of reorganizations within the office. I saw Dick Riddle who was the same as ever and, of course, Miss Nhan from Pan American. At that time everybody was remarkably unperturbed about the prospects of US withdrawal, except on the economic side. The security situation was vastly improved and the programs seemed to be working better than before.

My job here terminates in July, and it is not yet clear whether I will be extending for another year or going overseas. Either way the future is bright. Now that we have reestablished contact, I

hope you'll keep in touch. If you ever get back East, I have two spare rooms in my Washington house (bring along the Japanese or Dutch-Indonesian) and a farm in the mountains if you want to write a book. Don Perkins was staying with me recently, and Allen Keiswetter spent a week or so earlier last fall. Bob Montague visited for a while during the summer, so I seem to be running an intermittent hostelry for Viet-Nam types, which is fun.

All the best,

/s/

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