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Dear Dick:

It was a real pleasure to get your letter of February 19. I really missed seeing you in Nha Trang, but did have a good time with Jess Grefalda.

Regarding your letter, do you think it will work out well to shift ralliers from one province to another? As you know, rural Vietnamese are usually very nervous about being sent away. Perhaps the practice has become so well known by now so that no harm results. Another point. Jess told me he had a plan to rally the VCI infrastructure in the Nha Trang area if he could get cooperation out of Province. I mentioned this to Ted Long and urged that he look into Jess' plan. Perhaps there has been some follow-up on this, but if not, you might want to look into it.

Do you have any idea what you will be doing after this year, which you refer to as your last year in Viet-Nam? On this side, the future is equally uncertain but I do hope we can stay in touch. It would seem that we are coming to the end of an era in more ways than one, and the concerns which occupied us so long will rather suddenly no longer be there. I suppose the Laos operation overshadows everything now, and we must all keep our fingers crossed.

Please give my best to Jess and to Dave Bush, when you see him, and keep in touch when you have a chance.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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