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Mr. John F. Thomas  
Director  
Intergovernmental Committee for  
European Migration  
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear John:

Surprising as it may seem, there seems to be a good possibility now that I will be returning to Vietnam in charge of the War Victims (Refugee) Directorate. Remembering your success in that operation and your vast experience in the whole field, I would be most grateful for any words of wisdom you would care to impart in the way of lessons learned and fundamental insights. It would help me to do a better job than I otherwise could. Any thoughts you have, including any papers you may have written in the past that you think will be applicable, would be most appreciated. The assignment is not yet firm, but things seem to be moving in that direction.

I hope you are continuing to enjoy your assignment in Geneva. A good and long-time friend of mine, Ann Gooch, has recently accepted a position with ORT in Geneva. Perhaps you will run into her or have already. I shall ask her to look you up.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Ogden Williams  
Special Assistant to the Coordinator