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Dear Joe:

I am writing to introduce a good friend of mine, Victor Morgan, who I hope will be visiting your area on his way to Florida. Vic is planning to retire early in May after a long and distinguished career in A.I.D. He is thinking of settling in the South, and since he is a very discerning individual, I have urged him to pass by Jekyll Island because I have heard glowing reports of it from you and feel that you both share common tastes and interests. In any case, Vic Morgan is a most thoroughly delightful gentleman who would, I know, much enjoy meeting you and Ruth, and vice versa.

I have thought many times of your kind offer to visit you in Jekyll Island and definitely hope to do it one day. At the moment I have been made unofficially aware that I have been requested by the Mission in Saigon to head up the refugee and veterans assistance effort in that country, a function which has recently become more relevant than ever because of the renewal of the war. If the request is made officially to me, I may well go back there for one last tour. Other alternatives in A.I.D., although unexplored to date, are probably minimal or non-existent. The agency is retrenching everywhere. There are already some 300 ex-field officers being held in complements here in Washington with another 300 anticipated in the near future. Under such circumstances and if the Vietnam matter does not work out, I may well be following Vic Morgan's example myself. Anticipating that possibility for the first time after so many years in the Federal service, I am obviously interested in how one plays the game after retirement. I gather that you are most active and are enjoying every moment of it, this information having been provided me recently by your former receptionist, Kim Lien.

With warm regards.

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