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Honorable Nguyen-Ngoc-An
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Dear Minister An:

I was most touched and pleased to receive your card and the beautiful gift made by your wife and your daughters. Such kindness on your part and their part is deeply appreciated. I was also very glad to get your address so that we may continue to stay in touch.

Here I am still in charge of the training school for young civilian and military officers going to Viet-Nam to serve in CORDS, and am profiting by this opportunity to study the Vietnamese language for one hour each day, so that when I see you again I should be able to say at least a few things in your own language! I am sure that I will never be as good in Vietnamese as you are in English, however.

Here it is cold and wintry. Last weekend I spent on my farm in West Virginia where the snow was two feet deep and the wind was blowing at about 65 kilometers per hour, and I thought wistfully about the sunny delta of Viet-Nam and wished that I could be with my friends far away. In any case, it was a very great pleasure to hear from you again, and I want very much to stay in touch until our next reunion.

With many thanks to you and your family and best wishes for a successful 1970, both for you and for Viet-Nam, I am

Yours very sincerely,

/s/

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