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Dear Ed,

Bill Vorden can't come until
around the middle of March be-
cause of other problems here. I just
told him. I'm leaving this evening
for Manila on Airways business
arriving there on 6 March and
staying about a week. I believe
I could hop over to Saigon for
a few days around the 12th
or 13th, but would prefer to
do so at my own expense
and not on Govt. orders as
will probably go on to Bangkok,
etc. My consultancy is still active.
How do you want to handle
clearance with Lodge, etc. You
can contact me through the
U.S. Embassy by cable or
telephone me directly at the
Hotel Filipinas or at 82322
which is our office phone in
Manila.

Enclosed is a memo to Bill
Connell. If I go through
Saigon, I promised Bill I
would carry a status report
back to the VP on developments
in Saigon. The VP is really
going out on a limb on the
elections.

Best to the team
— Rife