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Dear Rufe -

This must be an interim reply. Bun, Amelie and Sanny have been at Vung Tau for several days and probably won't be back before the weekend. Visits with Amelie have been hasty & I haven't seen Bun yet so don't have details.

Before his release there seemed to be no question that the GVN intended to return his property. This will not be easy and I guess that we are all interested in how, what and when but I doubt that he will be destitute.

Yes, we all exerted pressures to get Bun out. Most significant I'm sure were yours and Jim's and Amelie's own -- I'd hate to be fighting that team (yours). Cao's assistance was tremendous and immeasurable. He demonstrated honor and courage of the highest type -- not to mention loyalty. (I anticipated you on this one



and immediately through Bieh
sent him your appreciation and
mine; again when your letter
arrived). My own contribution
was just steady low-level pressure.
We each did our job in righting
this wrong and Bun plus
several hundred other political
prisoners are free to bring
balance to this rat-race.

I agree with you that
Bun should remain here for
the immediate present. A leisurely
business trip abroad -- with
definite known objectives -- would
be a graceful way to cut
with the past when the time
comes.

Also agree with Jim not
to volunteer any property until
finally cleared.

Boss still hasn't got the
answers he must have for us
to operate. He looks good -- took
a short Dalat leave -- but this
is a frustrating experience for
him, I'm sure.

Regards to Barbara -

Best - Greorge