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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 25, 2006 2:04 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Att: Stephen Plotkin - Request for assistance

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Something like this will do:

Handwritten memorandum, [Joseph Alsop to Michael Forrestal], [undated] "Vietnam, General, 1963" folder, President's Office Files, box 128a, JFKL.

Because the names are not directly given, and can only be derived circumstantially, I have bracketed them, but that may be overly fastidious.

Stephen Plotkin  
 Reference Archivist  
 John F. Kennedy Presidential Library

>>> "rcp3rd" <rcp3rd@cox.net> 01/25/06 01:33PM >>>  
 Dear Mr. Plotkin:

For your information, it could only be Joe Alsop because of the reference to 1954 and Lansdale. when I helped him around. I had him over for dinner at our house in Saigon in early Sept. 1963, just before coming back to Washington. The last page seems to be a request by the President to Forrestal to ask me to report which is what I wound up doing at a meeting on Sept 10 at the White House. This is the meeting where Krulak and Mendenhall gave two vastly different reports based on a two day survey of Vietnam and the President asked, "The two of you did visit the same country, didn't you?".

How would you identify the location and name of this document? Does it have a date? I would very much like to be able to refer to it.

Sincerely,

Rufus Phillips

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Dear Mr. Phillips:

I will fax the first four pages from the folder "Vietnam, General, 1963" in the Vietnam country files of the President's Office Files

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Dear Mike -

If you don't know  
Rife Phillips, you ought to. I  
met him first out here with  
Gen. Lansdale; & he knows more  
about this show & judges it  
better than anyone I know. I  
think he ought to see Mac  
& Aracell privately. But you  
will know about this -

Yours ever  
Joe -

Michael Forestal Esq.  
Executive Officer.

THE WHITE HOUSE

You should ask  
Phillips to report

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*[Handwritten signatures and scribbles, including "Chelupps" and "Lauderdale"]*