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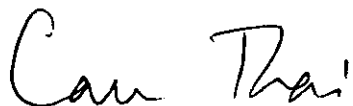
Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

I sent you a letter a few weeks ago. I presume it was lost since nothing has been heard about that letter!

Early this year, the Clinton Administration lifted the trade embargo against Vietnam and just last month, in Hanoi, Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts stated that the U.S. Government would be very close to establishing diplomatic relations with that country. He also stressed the importance of Vietnam's strategic location in the region. Would you think it will best serve the U.S. interest or our allies' for us to position military bases or equipment in Vietnam more than twenty years after leaving that place? I truly appreciate your view on this issue.

Last but not least, in the spirit of the holiday season, I'd like to wish you and your loved ones a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEWYEAR!

Very sincerely yours,



Cau Thai
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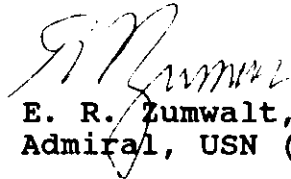
Mr. Cau Thai
2792 Forbes Avenue
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Dear Mr. Cau:

Thank you for your letter of November 20.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,



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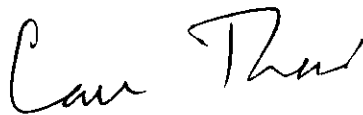
Dear Mr. Admiral,

On the occasion of your birthday, I'd like to send you my warmest wishes. I hope the coming weeks and months of yours will be full of joyful moments!

In your recent trip to Vietnam, you were able to see first-hand how destructive war could be to the people and to the land. As commander of the U.S. naval forces during the peak of the Vietnam War, would you think defoliant sprayings be worth the price? Should we - the U.S. Government as well as its caring citizens - do more now to help the victims after the war is over more than two decades?

Once again, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Mr. Admiral!

Very sincerely yours,



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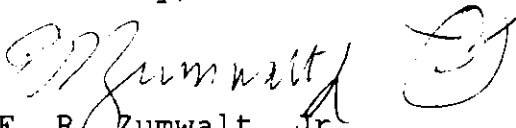
Katja Hofmann
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Dear Katja:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of the video tape. I am looking forward to seeing it over the holidays.

All best wishes to you.

Sincerely,


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Mr. Elmo R. Zumwalt
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U.S.A.

Dear Mr.Zumwalt,

I am very pleased to send you a videotape containing some selected rushes of your trip to Vietnam in September this year. Please use this one for your private purposes only. This copy shows mainly your and Dr. Schecter's official meetings and has nothing to do with our final documentary that we will send you after it's completion at the beginning of next year.

On this spot I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your participation in and obliging support of our project. I'd like to give you and Jim my kind regards and remain respectfully

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Katja Hofmann', written in dark ink.

Katja Hofmann



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December 23, 1994

Ms. Sieglinde A. Gassman
Catholic Relief Services
Vietnam Program
La Thanh Hotel
218 Doi Can Street
Hanoi, Vietnam

Dear Ms. Gassman:

Many thanks for your letter of December 5. It is good to know that someone of your background and motivation is involved in Vietnam.

When you get a chance, you might want to drop in on the prosthetic facilities at Thu Duc and Can Tho. These are run by the Vietnam Assistance for the Handicapped (VNAH) of which I am the chairman of the Advisory Board. They are doing some very impressive work. We also are hoping to start soon a training facility for parent less children in the Da Lat area.

By copy of this correspondence, I am asking Mr. Ca Van Tran, the Vietnamese-American president of both efforts to call on you the next time he is in Vietnam to bring you up to date on our activities. Mr. Ca also played a significant role in connection with the recent flood disaster in the Delta.

All best wishes for continuing success.

Sincerely,

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December 5, 1994

Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

It is with great delight I've taken up my position as the CRS Country Representative in Hanoi. I arrived on November 19. After a whirl of introductions to government officials and the staff of other international NGOs, I'm settling down to the reading, consultations and decision-making that make up most of my work day.

Following almost two years of assessment and preliminary funding CRS decided to return to Vietnam last March. Participating in and encouraging reconciliation, CRS will continue to implement projects in social welfare, disaster relief and enterprise development.

CRS supports training for the care-givers of pre-school-age disabled children. After the outfitting of a day-care center for learning disabled pre-schoolers, the grandfather of 4-year old Tuan expressed his pride and joy in the accomplishments of his grandson, "All of us in the parent's group have dreamt for so long of finding support for our children, thinking that day would never come." CRS will pursue other opportunities to support and encourage growing interest in integrating disabled children within the existing school system.

A recent disaster relief project supplied boats and fishing nets to communities which included recent refugees from Cambodia who were victims of flooding in Dong Thap Province in the Mekong Delta. This project will be complete with the launching of 6 floating clinics now under construction. I hope to be able to travel to HoChiMinh City for that occasion.

With the dynamic Vietnamese Women's Union as our counterpart, CRS has developed and implemented a credit program in central Nghe Ahn province, carrying out our objective of strengthening the capacity of local institutions. Similar projects will be established in other provinces next year, under the direction of our Project Officer Mrs. Nguyen Thu Ba, in order to reach the poorest and most vulnerable.

At Ms. Tai's coffeeshop just around the corner from the office (which is also my home) I get a Vietnamese lesson every morning with my serving of fresh yoghurt. She's promised to help me explore Ha Noi now that I've mastered merging my bicycle with the curb-to-curb river of cyclos, bicycles and motorcycles that make up traffic in Ha Noi.

I'm excited about this program! I hope you will take the time to share what you're doing and your reflections on the roles of Americans in Vietnam. You can contact me at the address above or via CRS headquarters: 209 W. Fayette St., Baltimore MD 21201.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sieglinde A. Gassman
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Louise Wilmont told me about your visit to CRS in October. I'm interested in your mission so hope you'll keep us up-to-date.

R McPherson Vietnam file
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October 21, 1994

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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing concern about the problem of uncleared landmines in Vietnam and encouraging us to support Mr. Ca Van Tran's efforts to help address this tragic humanitarian problem.

Uncleared landmines are a very serious problem that has had a devastating humanitarian impact in dozens of countries around the world. Demining is a high-priority issue within the U.S. Government which has already been engaged in providing humanitarian demining assistance in a number of mine-plagued countries including Afghanistan, Cambodia, and Mozambique. We will also consider offering demining assistance to the Government of Vietnam.

However, it is my understanding that monies appropriated by Congress for the humanitarian clearance of landmines do not include grant authority for non-governmental organizations such as VNAH. Nonetheless, we will certainly keep your organization in mind as we consider demining assistance to the Government of Vietnam. I am sure that U.S. Government programs could benefit greatly from cooperative support from NGOs like yours that already have much experience working with the innocent victims of landmines.

Thank you again for your interest in the U.S. Government demining assistance program and for your input on the importance of helping Vietnam address this tragic problem.

Sincerely,

Valerie Belon
Demining Action Officer

cc fax'd to Ca



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October 13, 1994

VIA FAX 703-647-4055

Ms. Valerie Belon
Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs
State Department
Washington, DC

Dear Ms. Belon:

I am writing to you as Chairman of the Vietnam Assistance for the Handicapped (VNAH) organization. Our president, Mr. Ca Van Tran, and I have recently returned from visiting the President of Vietnam (General Le Duc Anh), General Vo Nguyen Giap, General Tran Van Tra, and three cabinet ministers. We found them to be very enthusiastic about the work of the VNAH organization and quite impressed with the work that Mr. Ca Van Tran has done in establishing the prosthetic facilities at Can Tho and Tu Duc, the latter of which we visited.

In addition to the VNAH, we have also established the Health & Education Volunteers, Inc.

One of the primary concerns expressed to us in our meetings is the very serious problem of the thousands of mines still buried around the country. I understand that the United States Government has \$20,000,000 earmarked for use in alleviating this mine problem that continues to kill and maim innocent civilians.

I can strongly recommend, in view of Mr. Ca Van Tran's great credibility in the country, that one of his two organizations be designated to administer the mine removal program. Either of the above organizations would be an appropriate vehicle for administering the mine program.

Sincerely,

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