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TO: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr

Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

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@Imperial
as indicated
on schedule
lets do

1. We have a press conference scheduled for us at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Bangkok at 7 Pm on Friday, Sept 16. Since clearing customs and Immigration is slow and traffic extremely slow in Bangkok, and our arrival is scheduled for 2:40 PM, I suggest we reserve rooms at either one of the two airport hotels or at the Imperial Hotel, a first rate hotel, which is en route to the Dusit Thani Hotel, rather than at the Oriental Hotel, which is much farther past the Dusit Thani and also much more expensive. The hotel 5 minutes from the airport is modest and pleasant, and costs about \$90/night, the Imperial, where most US Embassy arranged staff stay, next to the Embassy, is about \$95/night and a luxury hotel, whereas the Oriental is magnificent, but very far away and \$200/night per room-all plus tax. We will be very pressed to make our press conference with the heavy weekend traffic in Bangkok, which is even worse than NYC or Washington during rush hour. The Imperial might be a good compromise, but I would strongly suggest that or the hotel next to the airport, rather than the Oriental. Please advise me of your choice.

2. I need to confirm our Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City rooms at the Metropole and the Rex soon. As I understand it, you and your son wish to share a room in Hanoi, I wish a single room in each place, and I do not know whether Mr Smythe wishes to be with us. We do need to confirm and take care of payment, at least in Hanoi, in advance, unfortunately. I believe we can now use Visa or American Express to pay, but this was not the case up to a few months ago, for Americans. Please advise me as to the number and type of rooms we will need for our party. Mr. Ca Van Tran wishes to make his own less expensive room arrangements, he told me. -Yes.

3. Dr. Dai wishes to know Mr Ca van Tran's schedule. Do we have this? If so, kindly fax it directly to Dr. Dal or to me to forward. Thanks.

4. Are you using E-Mail? To my surprise and pleasure, Dr. Dal is now equipped with E-Mail, at ledai@orange.ac.vn. I am not certain it actually works, however, so I would test the system before relying on it. Fax and telegrams do almost always work.

5. We had inquiry from 20/20, which I had to turn down, since they compete with 60 Minutes.

6. Mr. Narunart Prapanya, a CNN producer in Bangkok, wishes to cover some of our work. His phone and fax are as follows: 662-254-2016-8 and 662-254-2019.

7. I have raised almost all the funds it will take for my part of the trip. However, I am hoping the US business community in Vietnam may host a reception for all of us. If not, we will probably be expected to host a banquet or dinner for our hosts. We need to budget for this.

8. Have you begun to contact TV for followup when we return? I have nothing scheduled yet. Do you plan to be available the first week or two after return? With good followup, we stand a far better chance of funding success, perhaps even a few million dollars this year, and a more reasonable amount next year.

Warmest regards,

Arnold



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DATE: June 27, 1994

TO: Arnold Schecter
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Dear Mr Schecter:

Re your letter dated May 27, 1994, I, Mr Narunart Prapanya, am CNN Producer in Bangkok. Your plan on excursion to Vietnam sounds interested to us. At this point we would like to know more about your schedule in that country since we do not think we can join all of your trip.

Please let us know in details about your movement. Since we have only one crew to report this wide territory, in worst case scenario we can be deployed any where any time. Are you traveling with camera? Have you contact Reuter Television?

Waiting to here from you.

Sincerely:


Narunart Prapanya

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Hanoi June 27 , 1994

To : Dr A. Schechter
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Dear Dr A. Schechter,

Thank you very much for your Fax dated June 22 , 1994

1- We are ready to contact Mr. Ga van Tran and work with him , to discuss about the details of Admiral Zumwalt trip .

Please inform him that he is welcome in our Committee . When he come to Hanoi, don't hesitate to contact us . It would be better if he could Fax us his schedule some days before , so we could arrange to meet him.

2- We are now provided with an E-MAIL (Electronic Mail) equipment , linked to our computer. The number of our E-Mail is :

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or bthuy@orange.ac.vn

Please let me know, if you have a similar equipment in your office or at home , and what are their number so we could communicate with you by E-mail.

Communications through E-mail is faster and especially in Vietnam, much cheaper than by FAX so we could communicate much easier to one another

With the hope to hear from you soon , I remain,

Sincerely yours

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