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Dear Dr. Phuong and Dear Dr. Dai:

I am writing you this combined fax, since each of you travels extensively, in the hope that by combining the fax I can best reach each of you.

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., former Chief of Naval Operations in Vietnam and Naval Chief of Staff during the war, asked me to write this fax to introduce a friend a colleague of his, a Vietnamese American businessman and humanitarian, Mr. Ca Van Tran, who will be in Vietnam twice before Admiral Zumwalt, his son James, myself and another businessman, Clyde Smyth all arrive in Hanoi Sept 9, 1994. As you know, we hope to be in Ho Chi Minh City Sept 12 or 13, and the party will leave Sept 16 for Bangkok. We will travel with some press, including "60 Minutes" television "magazine" type program with former Vietnam war correspondent Ed Bradley and probably other press. The purpose of the trip, for the most part, is for Admiral Zumwalt and I to investigate the possibility of American Agent Orange funded and conducted health research in Vietnam. We will represent the organized veterans groups and report to them and to Congress upon return. There will also be some exploration of possible Vietnam American business opportunities, but this will be a lesser part of the trip.

Although Mr. Ca Van Tran will be busy on both trips with his own activities, he volunteered to help us to communicate, and to work together before what we hope will be a really major trip beginning on Sept. 9. I hope you will have the time to meet with him and allow him to help you and us in any way you wish or think appropriate. I am taking primary responsibility to assist in coordinating the trip, working closely, of course, with Prof Cau; you should contact me by fax whenever you wish, of course.

We especially hope Admiral Zumwalt and I will be able to meet at Tu Du with Dr. Phuong and wonder whether Sept 13-15 are good days to meet. Please let us know about this. Also, please let me know also if there are any things we can do or should do to help with this trip. We hope to also visit Cho Ray Hospital and also one provincial area as well, where Admiral Zumwalt has an interest from the war.

Please contact me by fax or letter whenever you wish and please do let Mr. Ca Van Tran help us to make the upcoming trip a success. We hope to finally obtain adequate US funds for Agent Orange health research, as we so long wanted to do.

With warmest regards, I remain

*Arnold Schechter*