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Dear Mr. Tran:

I am sending this fax to follow our phone conversations concerning the trip headed by Admiral Zumwalt this Sept 9 to Vietnam which will involve Agent Orange health research in Vietnam to be funded, we hope, by the US Government, to help US veterans and Vietnamese potentially exposed to Agent Orange with its dioxin contaminant. I understand you will leave for Vietnam tomorrow on one of two trips to Vietnam prior to our scheduled trip Sept 9, where we will be traveling together trying to help one another to accomplish several goals. I thank you very much for your offer of help and will list the people we wish to meet, and whom I have been in fax contact with.

Professor Le Cao Dai, Permanent Secretary of the 10/80 Committee at the Hanoi Medical School, is arranging the Agent Orange and other health and governmental officials aspects of our trip with Professor Hoang Dinh Cau, Chairman of the 10/80 Committee. He can be reached by phone at 84-4-42-63514 or fax at 529075. The medical school is at Khuong Thuong, Don Da Ha Noi. If you are able to contact Professor Dai and help communications between us, that could be quite helpful. If there are problems, you should know that we are already in fax and phone contact. For this reason, it would be helpful but not, in my judgement, essential for you to meet with him in person.

In Hanoi, the Metropole Hotel might be confirmed, in addition to the faxes between them and myself, concerning exact payment mechanisms. As I understand it now, Admiral Zumwalt and James Zumwalt will share one room and I will stay in a single room at the Metropole and you will make your own arrangements as to room in both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

In Ho Chi Minh City, we hope very much to meet with my colleague of 10 years in Agent Orange research, Dr. Nguyen Ngoc thi Phuong, Director, Tu Du Obstetrical and Gynecology Hospital, 284 Cong Quynh St, phone 39-7945, fax 29-1088 (c/o Health Services Office, HCMC) on our short stay in the south, Sept 13-16. If you are able to confirm with her, or with Dr. Dai on her behalf, that she will be available to meet us, that might help move things along. Again, I will try to obtain fax confirmation of our meeting, so you should not take too much time from your schedule which sounds very busy, if there are problems communicating. If you can get an answer, it would be helpful, however.

If you can check current rates and availability of rooms at our first choice hotel, the Rex in HCMC, or the second choice hotel, the Continental, including room price and payment possibilities with Visa or American Express cards, that also would be appreciated. Again, if your time does not permit this, I can, of course, fax directly and save you the bother.

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Your generous assistance in these matters is appreciated. Your knowledge of both cultures should help to accomplish what we all hope to accomplish. Please let me know how we may be able to assist you with your needs as well. I look forward to meeting you before long and working with you in September in Vietnam. Again, thank you for assisting in this important trip where we hope one consequence will be Agent Orange health research in Vietnam funded by the US government to help the people affected in both countries.

Best wishes on your trip.

Sincerely yours,

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