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TO:

Pricilla Barry  
c/o Admiral Zumwalt'Office

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Dear Pricilla:

Thank you very much for your fax of June 7. I sent a fax early this AM to 60 Minutes asking them to try to accomodate to our planned schedule, but also asked if they could meet us half way if we could delay our trip about 5 days. I have no repsonse yet. I have found it very easy to change ticket dates with Northwest and with United on the transpacific routes, so would like the Admiral's thoughts before we lock the dates in stone since 60 Minutes is the most popular TV show today, if newspaper accounts can be belived. I think they may accomodate to our schedule, but they want a certain correspondent and possibly camera crew, so our going up to a week later might be worth doing. I will contact them today again and see if we can stay on schedule just as we are now, entering Sept 9.

I will probably be able to raise funding for my part of the trip without undue difficulty.

Have you reserved rooms in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, or Bangkok yet? Also, are the Admiral's non agent orange meetings in Vietnam absolutely final, or is there room for negotiation? There are certain high government officials who may wish formal, and maybe Informal also, meetings with the Admiral. The US Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam, or the US Liason Office in Hanoi, or the US Vietnam Trade Council, as well as the 10-80 Committee, might want to host receptions or dinners for the Admiral, which would be excellent ways of getting many important people in the room at one time, in the evening. In Vietnam, it is very difficult to meet as many persons of importance to ones work as one wishes. The Quacker's field representative in Vietnam, Lady Borton, who has just written another book about Vietnam, thinks you would very much find a meeting with one of her women contacts of value. This woman, from Song Be Province, near Saigon, was sprayed with Agent Orange and has interesting stories from the Vietnamese side. Also, the Quackers may help pay for part of my trip expenses. This woman is authentic, not a person who will give the government money on Agent Orange.

I leave for Chlcago Wednesday, June 8, 1994 and should be back in Binghamton June 14.

James Hall, of the State Dept., at 202-6133, fax 3069, has been selected to direct our new Liason Office in (Hanoi) Vietnam and assured me he wishes to help with our trip. There are already three quite sharp State Dept. workers there. I met them on my last visit.

With best wishes, and thanks for your help with the project, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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