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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

I received a fax today from Dr. Le Cao Dai in Hanoi. In it he mentioned that his two or three previous (fax?) invitations to you to come to Vietnam to discuss Agent Orange still hold. He mentioned that you could coordinate the visit through either himself in Hanoi or through the UN Vietnam Mission with Ambassador Bang or his assistants. It is essential, however, to see that the scientific aspects of Agent Orange, as studied and coordinated by the 10-80 Committee to Study Chemicals Used during Wartime are covered.

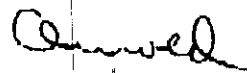
Frequently, trips to Vietnam have become very, very uncoordinated at the last minute or even during the trips, and even senior and important visitors have been extremely disappointed. It takes an enormous amount of effort to see that matters go (at least more or less) as hoped for in Vietnam.

I do hope you are able to determine which days will probably be best for you to be in Vietnam, and where you will be traveling from. To the Vietnamese it will be important also as to whether we enter the country together, travel together and leave together, or whether you and I are treated not as a delegation of two. As far as I am concerned, whatever will do the most good for our cause is what we should decide to do. Also, it is usually best to obtain a visa for a longer number of days, so that last minute changes will be less of a problem for the Vietnamese. Generally, there is a strong desire for visitors to enter Vietnam at Hanoi, the capitol, and then move south.

Also, will you have the time to visit Fukuoka Japan for a day or two on this trip to review some of the Yusho rice oil poisoning findings from almost identical chemicals? If so, I would be happy to try to coordinate this also-if you wish it. Professors Masuda and also Kuratsune have been very helpful to me on my previous visits there. An airplane ride from Tokyo or Osaka is the usual way of getting to Fukuoka.

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours



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