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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

There is another way we might wish to publicize the importance of Vietnam as a place to learn about Agent Orange health effects and lobby for targeted money in next year's budget.

In addition to a veterans' trip, sponsored by veterans' organizations, with you and I and perhaps Dick Christian and several other representatives, we might also want to try to interest various key Congressmen or women and Senators into fact finding trips to Vietnam. I could organize these for maximum scientific content and so that the best Vietnamese are involved, and Congress could work on publicity. You would again be a key participant when available for these trips, but I would try always to organize and accompany the Congresspersons. It is important that an experienced American scientist accompany the Congresspersons, because it is very difficult to interpret Vietnam and Vietnamese and American medical science, unless one works full time in the field. We do not want mistakes made.

This is in addition to what we in the veteran community should be doing for our own trip and also our own pilot health research in Vietnam. Surely we can raise some funds of our own for these purposes.

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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