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Date: 9 December 1993
From: Andy Sundberg
To: Admiral Elmo Zumwalt (Fax: (703) 528 5795)
Copy: Hon. Bill Alexander (Fax: (703) 237 2287)
Subject: Proposed Joint Project with General Vo Nguyen Giap

Dear Bud,

Several weeks ago we spoke about my meeting in Hanoi with General Vo Nguyen Giap, and about the suggestion that you and he might find some mutually interesting projects to develop together in the future, in particular in the area of medical research and assistance to children born in Vietnam to families where one or both parent had been exposed to defoliants.

I have just returned from another trip to Vietnam and I had occasion to meet with General Giap again. I told him of our conversation, and of your willingness to meet him and to pursue the possibility of some joint projects in the health field. General Giap was very responsive, and said that he would be very happy to meet with you, and hopes that you might be willing to come to Vietnam for this purpose. I then asked him if he would have any interest in visiting the United States for the same purpose, and to my surprise he replied: "Why not!". It is up to you, therefore, to recommend the location as you prefer.

Enclosed are two letters that I received from Prof. Ha Hoc Trac, President of the Vietnam Fund for Supporting Technological Creations (VIFOTEC), a non-profit, non-governmental organization of which General Giap is the honorary Chairman, and who will serve to coordinate the meeting(s) on behalf of General Giap. The letters are self explanatory. I am also sending under separate cover a copy of the VIFOTEC brochure that Prof. Trac asked that I forward to you.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed with this. I would be happy to continue working with you to develop and implement projects together with General Giap, and from other conversations two weeks ago I can assure you that Prof. Dang Huu, the Vietnamese Minister of Science, Technology and the Environment (MOSTE), and Prof.

Nguyen Van Hieu, the head of the National Center for Scientific Research of Vietnam would also be enthusiastic supporters of any and all such initiatives.

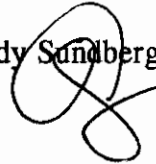
I have met all of these gentlemen on a number of occasions as I have been serving for the last three years as a UN adviser to the Minister of Science and Technology on the reorientation of the science and technology endowments of Vietnam to make them more responsive to the demand sectors as the country continues its conversion toward a true market economy.

You and General Giap would appear to be natural partners. You both have vast experience, polymath virtuosity, and reputations for innovation and entrepreneurship that extend far beyond your military successes. How appropriate, therefore, would be your joint collaboration in humanitarian endeavors.

General Giap remarked in August that his major concern now was to work with others to develop a new and more laudatory "Dream about the future that we can share with our children". I replied that this was not only an admirable and necessary endeavor of behalf of the children of Vietnam, but equally and ubiquitously a challenge worthy of the efforts of all individuals of good will everywhere, including the United States.

Kindest regards and very best wishes.

Andy Sundberg



Encl: Copy of Letter from Prof. Trac to Adm. Zumwalt
Copy of Letter from Prof. Trac to Andy Sundberg
Letter of Appeal from General Giap for VIFOTEC



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ATTN.: Admiral Elmo Zumwalt.

Date: November 19, 1993

Re: Joint American- Vietnamese Projects in Health.

Dear Admiral Elmo Zumwalt,

It is most happy for us to learn of your name together with your kind intentions. Mr. Andrew Sundberg has told us of your interest in various fields of medical research, including areas that are of particular relevance to problems that we are now addressing in Vietnam. As you may have known already, many Vietnamese young people now are suffering from dreadful consequences left in Vietnam by the last wars. It is therefore very important and humanitarian to look for solutions in order to help these unfortunate victims of wars. In particular, we are very interested in research theory that concerns children born with various birth defects or who suffer from various forms of cancers due to a number of different causes.

We enthusiastically welcome your intention to carry out Joint American-Vietnamese Projects in Health with VIFOTEC and also the opportunity to discuss how we could work together in future. We would be willing for such a meeting to take place in Vietnam where Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap could directly participate. Or should you prefer such a meeting could take place in the United States or some other location.

Please let us know of your suggestion of how we should take the next steps. We would also welcome some further information about the type of research you are now pursuing in the medical field that you feel could be appropriate for a joint project with us.

We enclose A Brochure of VIFOTEC and The Outlines of Projects to be carried out by VIFOTEC for your consideration and look forward to your precious support in near future.

Kind regards and best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Ha Hoc Trac



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ATTN.: Mr. Andrew P. Sundberg.
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November 19, 1993

Re.: Joint American- Vietnamese Projects in Health.

Dear Mr. Andrew P. Sundberg.

Thank you for your fax dated October 19, 1993 addressing to Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap and referring to the possibility of Joint American- Vietnamese Projects in Health. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your precious assistance in this matter.

I have learnt that you are coming back to the United States within the next few days and therefore would like to take this opportunity to ask you for a favour. As mentioned in your fax of October 19, 1993, Admiral Elmo Zumwalt awaits our suggestion of a time and place for an initial meeting for discussing various project concepts in future, would you be so kind enough to act on our behalf to send the letter enclosed herewith to Admiral Elmo Zumwalt in order to avoid the possibility of letter missing.

It is most generous and thoughtful of you to take so much interest in our future cooperation and I once more warmly appreciate your assistance.

Kind regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Pro. Ha Hoc Trac
President of VIFOTEC

**APPEAL FROM THE HONORARY PRESIDENT
OF THE VIET NAM FUND FOR SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGICAL CREATIONS
(VIFOTEC)
GENERAL VO NGUYEN GIAP**

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**To Vietnam and Foreign Organisations and Individuals
To International Organisations**

In pursuance to the Science and Technology policy of the State in the Renovation process and Open-door policy of Viet Nam, recently, the Central Council of the Union of Scientific and Technological Associations of Viet Nam, in collaboration with the Viet Nam General Confederation of Labour, the Central Committee of the Ho Chi Minh Youth Union and other Organisations and Individuals have founded the VIETNAM FUND FOR SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGICAL CREATIONS (VIFOTEC). (By Decision N^o 1215 of November 17th, 1992 of VUSTA's President).

VIFOTEC is a Non-Governmental Organisation aimed at rallying and encouraging technological talents in all economic sectors, all social strata, (intellectuals, workers, peasants, students, pupils...) of different ages, especially among youth, to innovate and apply sciences and new technology into production and social life. Such activities bear a most profound economic - social significance, contributing to the improvement of the people's conditions of living; to the building of a rich, prosperous, civilised society; of a Viet Nam in peace, wishing to be friend and cooperate with all peoples of the world.

With the above-mentioned goal, I call on all Organisations, and Individuals inside and outside the country, International Organisations, Governmental and Non-Governmental Organisations, Patriotic Overseas Vietnamese, Scientists of good-will from all countries, to provide support, assistance and cooperation in building the VIET NAM FUND FOR SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGICAL CREATIONS (VIFOTEC), through all appropriate forms and methods.

With deep thanks for your cooperation with VIFOTEC. It is my strong belief that your support for VIFOTEC will be highly appreciated and used in the most effective way.

Hanoi, February 6th, 1993

**HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE VIETNAM
FUND FOR SUPPORTING
TECHNOLOGICAL CREATIONS (VIFOTEC)**



VO NGUYEN GIAP