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December 16, 1994

President George W. Bush
10000 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77024

Dear Mr. President:

I am taking the liberty of attaching this note to the formal invitation to you from James R. Reckner of Texas Tech. I do so in my capacity as the Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict.

I am hopeful that your ties to Lubbock, which I know first hand to be heavily Bush Country, will make it possible for you to be with us for the keynote speech.

Mouza joins me in sending our deep respect and best wishes to you and Barbara.

Respectfully,

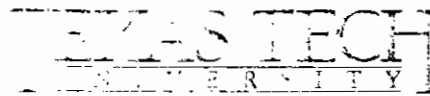
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November 28, 1994

President George Bush
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. President:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to visit Lubbock, and to deliver the keynote address at Texas Tech University's Second Triennial Vietnam Symposium, on Thursday, 18 April 1996.

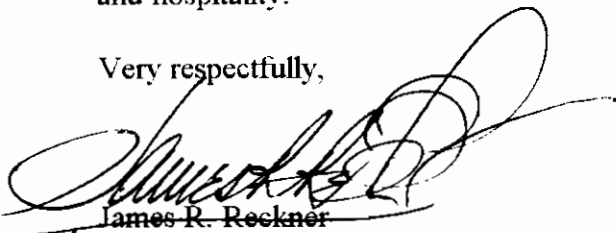
The symposium, *After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam*, has attracted many of the significant policy makers of the Vietnam era. Speaking on 18 April 1996 are the Honorable William E. Colby, the Honorable Walt Rostow, the Honorable Bui Diem, and Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Retired). The leading Vietnam scholars from the United States, a member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and a former Chinese Communist naval officer, will also present academic papers and participate in discussions.

Yet another highlight of the planned symposium is a panel discussion involving Admiral Zumwalt, General Vo Nguyen Giap, and one other senior U.S. Army officer. Admiral Zumwalt hand-delivered a letter of invitation from the President of Texas Tech University to General Giap during his September visit to Vietnam. General Giap expressed interest, and Admiral Zumwalt feels confident that if General Giap's health holds up and diplomatic relations continue to improve, he will attend and participate.

The symposium banquet, which will be attended by the leading figures of the Lubbock community as well as conference participants, will offer an excellent opportunity for you to visit amongst the people of West Texas who so strongly supported you during your political career. It would be particularly relevant, too, to have you, who played such an intimate role in events related to the end of the Cold War, address this conference at which we are seeking a post-Cold War understanding of the Vietnam experience.

I know, Mr. President, that you have a very busy schedule. Nevertheless, on behalf of the Vietnam Center and your many supporters in Lubbock, I respectfully request that you consider this invitation, consent to address our Vietnam symposium, and come to Lubbock, where, as you well know, you will enjoy the very best of West Texas warmth and hospitality.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner

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