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*Interesting paper from a living participant in WW II
and Vietnam - for a book.*

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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt
1211 Villamay Blvd.
Alexandria, VA.
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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

I enjoyed our visit over the phone. The Commerce Department told me you were interested in S. Vietnam. I was pleased. During the six years I served in S. Vietnam, I developed a very close relationship with Vietnamese agriculture. I know that the economic viability of independent producers is essential to progress and increased foreign trade. Vietnamese farmers and cinnamon growers will respond, if given a chance.

I am sending a packet of material. This may be of interest to you because we both served in the Navy during World War II. I am now writing an article for "American History Magazine" about the return of our Navajo War heroes to the Reservation in 1945-46.

If you have someone helping you write a book about your remarkable career as a Navy Officer, I hope they will interview some of the officers and seamen who served under you. I have a friend who was with you in the W.W.II Phillipine battle. He swears you saved the ship when the commanding officer "freaked out".

sincerely yours,

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