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ADMIRAL, U. S. NAVY (RET.)

29 July 1983

Mr. Elmo R. Zumwalt, III
McCoy, Weaver, Wiggins, Cleveland & Raper

Dear Skinny:

If you read the attached correspondence you will see why I am addressing you by that name. I remember meeting Nguyen Xuan Lang through you and how interested you were in helping him. If you still feel the same way, please get a letter out to him with a copy to me and I will follow up with one of my own keying off your letter.

Should we offer to bring him to the Fayetteville area? We could initially donate rent free one of my apartments until he is on his feet and he might be very useful in one of our flourishing businesses. In view of your bad experience with Duc, you may not want to try and I will fully understand.

Love,

Dad

Attachments



Pulau Bidong 11th May 1983

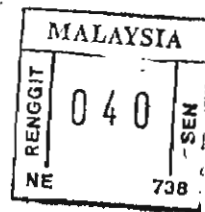
Dear Roger and Jaclan,

I wrote to you twice before, and this time is the third one. I and my son, XUAN-QUAN, came to Refugee Camp Pulau Bidong on April 25th evening 1983. We both have normal health now.

I ask you to provide some helps as following =

- 1.- Inform your older sister-in-law the condition of mine, as soon and fast as possible.
- 2.- Give me US \$ 100 by telegraphic transfer, for quotidian activities.
- 3.- Send me a photocopy of my "BẢNG TƯỜNG MẠO VĨ QUÂN VU" what will come from VN soon.
- 4.- Seek the address of my American friend living in United States to day. Do you remind the party whies we have had at our father in law home (at colon) in 1970, where there were two American officers. The skinny one named Elmo Zumwall III, was very good friend of mine. I losse his address since April 30th 1975. The Elmo's father ~~was~~ has been the Admiral COMNAFORV in Saigon (in 1969-70). In 1970-71 he was CNO (Chief Naval Officer) of the US Navy.

Elmo and his father, both, liked me very much. And I think they do like me



MR and MRS ROGER L. REEL

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BOAT PB 860
CAMP PULAU BIDONG

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Whenever you find down the Elmo's
address, have him write to me.



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Maryland, July 19, 1983

Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

First, I would like to thank you for helping me, or I would say, my brother-in-law NGUYEN XUAN LANG in locating his American friend - your son, LINO Zumwalt, III.

I think my brother in-law will be very happy to hear from your son, or even you, since he had worked very closely with both of you when you were in Vietnam during 1964 - 1970 or 1971. LANG worked temporarily at the Vietnamese Navy Headquarters in Saigon - BACH-DANG Headquarter - with you when he visited Saigon or on his special assignments. He was also stationed at PHU QUOC Province, near Mekong Delta with your son LINO and a group of American Advisors, two of whom I had met - your son and his friend (I do not remember the gentleman's name. Your son probably still remembers him. I think he was a captain, who was my brother-in-law's advisor, and at one time he was Dr. Henry Kissinger's attached in the States.) We often had our family reunion when LANG and his family returned home for their leave

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or summer vacation. During a couple of these occasions I had a privilege of meeting LANG's American friends, including your son LIMO and his accompanying friend.

When I was working as a secretary at the American Embassy in Saigon, I also had met you once when I visited BACH-DANG Navy Headquarters, and I had heard many nice things about you and your son from my brother-in-law and his family. I remember vividly that when your son LIMO got married, he did send us (my husband and me) an invitation, but somehow we could not attend his wedding because we were just back to the United States.

My brother-in-law finally escaped from Vietnam in April of 1983 and he is now in the Refugee camp in Malaysia. He had spent five years and a half in the so called "Re-education Camp" in Vietnam. He returned home last January 1982 and remained in Saigon until his recent escape. He left Vietnam with one of his sons, the rest of his family is still in Vietnam (my sister, her two other sons, and two younger daughters)

My husband and I have filed the petition to sponsor LAM, and his son (my nephew) Hopefully, they will be reunited with us very soon. And most of all, the reunification of his immediate family in the near future as well as his reunion with his American friends, many of whom had become very dear and close to him during the tragic war in Vietnam, in which they had met.

Dear Admiral, your kindness in forwarding my brother-in-law LAM's letter, or this letter of mine, to your son LINO will be greatly appreciated by me and my brother-in-law.

Once again, thank you for your kindness, and please send our best regards to your son LINO and his family.

We would love to hear from LINO again, and I am looking forward to meeting you all in this country. Your prompt reply will certainly be appreciated.

My best wishes to you and your family

Sincerely Yours,

TAC-LAM Thi Reel

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P.S. Attached you will find:

1. My brother-in-law LANG's letter to us and his request in locating his friend - your son ELMO Zumbolt, II.
2. LANG's present address in Hialeah, for your son in his future correspondence with LANG:

NGUYEN RUAN LANG

3. My address and telephone number.

TAC-LAN THI REEL

OR

TAC-LAN THI REEL

ESOL / Bilingual Teacher

Washington County Board of Education

Phone :

(During work hours from 8:00 - 4:00 pm)

4. My special thanks to your secretary for her kind service and promptness.

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Nguyen Xuan Lang
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Dear Nguyen:

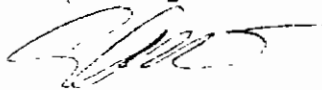
It was mighty good to hear from you after all these years. I remember well the times that I and Dave Halprin, who is now in Hong Kong, spent with you while we were in Viet Nam. Dave and I have often talked as to whether or not you made it out of Viet Nam.

I am an attorney in a city called Fayetteville, North Carolina, where I practice law and have several real estate investments. If you and your son are interested, I would be willing to let you live in one of our apartments rent free if you and your son would be willing to help doing various jobs and work around the apartments.

This would be at least a way to help you get started until you are able to find a better job.

If you are interested in something along these lines, please write and let me know. If you are not interested, I still hope you will come to see us and contact me as soon as you are in the States. I would love to get together.

Sincerely,



E. R. Zumwalt, III

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cc: Tac-Lan Thi Reel



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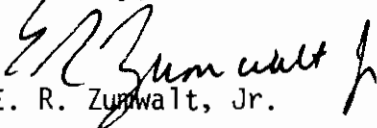
Tac-Lan Thi Reel

Dear Mrs. Reel:

My son Elmo, as you know from his letter of August 2 to Lang, was most pleased to hear from him and has volunteered to help him and his son to get started.

The purpose of this letter, which I ask you to forward to your brother-in-law, is to assure you that both Elmo and I will do what we can to help. If Lang decides not to reside in Fayetteville, North Carolina, please let me know when he arrives so that I can seek employment for him in the area of his residence.

Sincerely,



E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.

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