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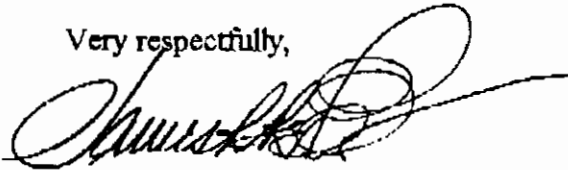
Dear Admiral:

Thank you for your letter of July 7, 1995. I was uncertain from your letter whether you desired another letter from President Lawless, or simply a draft of one for you to send. On reflection, I chose to draft one for your signature; but, of course, if you think it would be better for me to go through President Lawless, I will be more than pleased to do so. He remains very supportive of the Center and Archive, and so I am certain he would be happy to sign another letter of invitation.

I was uncertain, too, just what to say in the new letter. I would really like to say that we have received the funding from the Ford Foundation to support a delegation of historians from Hanoi to accompany him. However, we haven't ~~yet~~ received any feedback from the Foundation yet. Do you think it would be appropriate to wait, or should ~~be~~ just go forward as it is?

Things seem to continue to develop in a positive way here at Texas Tech. At our last Vietnam Center Advisory Board meeting last Thursday, the Director of Special Collections for the Library reported that he is going to make a significant sum of money available to the Vietnam Archive (in addition to the money from the budget line item) to begin a program of acquiring everything that has been published about Vietnam, in order to preserve copies in the Archive, as opposed to books that are put out on the shelves for students to take away from the library. This is a wonderful development as the Director of Special Collections has been one of the most reluctant supporters of the program. This announcement suggests that he has finally "gotten on board."

Very respectfully,



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