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Dear Admiral:

We received word yesterday that Congressman Larry Combest (Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee) will announce very shortly that the Central Intelligence Agency has released 15,647 Vietnam-related documents for shipment directly to the Archive of the Vietnam Conflict at Texas Tech.

The documents to be released cover a full range of topics, principally from 1963 onwards, through some documents date back to the 1950s. Among other things, the documents include weekly assessments of the situation in Vietnam, reports of coups and coup plots, considerable coverage of the period during which General Nguyen Khanh headed the South Vietnamese government. Included in the documents are hundreds of live sighting reports of American POWs: most are dated from the war, but some are as late as the 1980s. Several documents relate to Jane Fonda's visit to Hanoi and her broadcasts from Hanoi directed at American servicemen in South Vietnam.

Other topics are as diverse as Ghanaian President Nkrumah's correspondence with Yugoslav leader Marshal Tito relating to the Vietnam War; reports on Soviet policy, attitudes, and intentions toward the Vietnam War; and reports on military activity and POWs in Laos, and to a lesser extent, Cambodia. Several documents report foreign support for activities to disrupt or harass the Democratic and Republican national conventions of 1972.

Many of the documents have simply been declassified; however, the vast majority of the documents we will receive have been sanitized.

This new addition to the Archive of the Vietnam Conflict will be a valuable research collection which, I suspect, will attract national attention. I expect, particularly, that there will be a rush of POW activists to check this newly released material against information that is already publicly known about Americans still listed as MIA.

The release of this collection of documents to Texas Tech reflects Congressman Combest's continuing strong support of the Vietnam project here. These documents simply would not have been made public without his intervention; most certainly, they would not have been donated to Texas Tech without his very active support.

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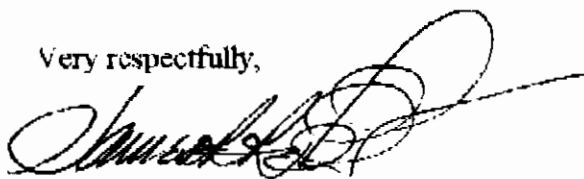
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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.

Plaque to Honor Ambassador William E. Colby

The Vietnam Center Advisory Board, at its 9 April meeting voted to establish a plaque in honor of Mr. Colby, to be mounted in the headquarters office of the Vietnam Center, in the new International Cultural Center. One wall of the new office will be reserved as a "Wall of Honor" for particular supporters of the Vietnam project. Mr. Colby will receive the first honor, and we wish to invite Mrs. Colby to unveil the plaque during the 1997 Vietnam conference. As you are going to approach her about the possibility of donation of further papers to the Vietnam Archive, I wonder whether you might also, on our behalf, invite her to participate in this function? The Center will cover her travel and accommodation expenses.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reekner
Director