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Jim Zumwalt suggested you may be able to assist us in getting the attached letter to General Giap. I would appreciate anything you can do for us.



**E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.**  
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March 19, 1996

General Vo Nguyen Giap  
Ministry of National Defense  
28 Dien Bien Phu Street  
Hanoi, Vietnam

Dear General:

As the date for our Vietnam Symposium, *After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam*, is rapidly approaching and the need arises to make final arrangements, I would like to consult with you once again about the possibility of your attendance at the conference from April 18-21, 1996.

Doubtless you already know that Lieutenant General Pham Hong Son has accepted an invitation to participate as have two other Vietnamese officials. And we have recently issued an invitation to Lieutenant General Phan Luong Truc. On the American side, we will have General William B. Rosson, Lieutenant General John H. Cushman, Vice Admiral Emmett Tidd, and a number of other flag and general officers, as well as academics from Singapore, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Russia, and the United States. Also present will be our Ambassador-designate to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Honorable Pete Peterson, and we are hopeful that President Gerald Ford will attend. Won't you join us for what promises to be a most important and constructive meeting?

Sincerely,

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