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Lieutenant Colonel Le Thanh Chon

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Dear Colonel Chon:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to travel to Texas to participate in the second triennial Vietnam symposium, which is scheduled for 18 - 20 April 1996. The theme of the symposium is, *After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam*.

We believe that the normalization of relations between our two nations, and the end of the Cold War, offer an ideal opportunity for former adversaries to meet and to discuss the war in an academic environment. Among the already scheduled participants in our symposium are Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., the former American naval commander in Vietnam, General William C. Westmoreland, Mr. William E. Colby, former National Security Advisor Dr. Walt W. Rostow, former South Vietnamese Ambassador Bui Diem and many other military officers, diplomats and academics. Lieutenant General Pham Hong Son has already graciously accepted our invitation, and we hope that a party of Vietnamese officers, including you, will be able to attend.

Admiral Zumwalt has also invited President Gerald Ford to be the keynote speaker at the symposium. At this point we await his response. A number of other state and federal government officials have been invited to join the symposium.

I anticipate that if you accept this invitation, I would schedule you to speak as a member of a panel of Air Force officers, as follows:

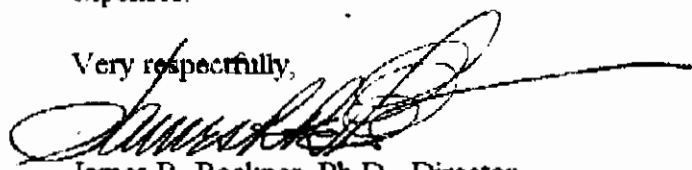
### Air Force Reassessments

Chair/Commentator: Captain Larry Martin, USAF, U.S. Air Force Academy  
"U.S. Air Force Doctrine and Vietnam." Colonel Dennis M. Drew, Dean, School of Advanced Air Power Studies

[Here insert the title of your presentation], Lt. Col. Le Thanh Chon, PAVN-AF  
Vietnam and Desert Storm: Learning the Right Lessons from Vietnam for the Post-Cold War Era." Col. Joseph P. Martino, USAF (Ret)

Should you choose to accept this invitation, the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict at Texas Tech University will pay your travel and accommodation expenses.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner, Ph.D., Director  
Associate Professor of History

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