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Dear Jim,

Thanks for the excellent debrief on your exploration of resources for shipping materials to Vietnam. The hurdles of bureaucracy can be daunting and exasperating. The list of reasons given to you of why Navy ships can NOT be involved is typical.

That year-old "policy" does not recognize the progress of "normalization", which I feel has been materially enhanced by yours and the Chancellor's efforts through The Vietnam Center. That could be helped even more by getting an early shipment of our materials (which they have requested) delivered asap.

If brought to their attention, State Dept, CIA, and ONI could see the value of getting dedicated ships making current visits to Vietnamese ports.

If Adm Z were able to make one or two phone calls on this subject, SecNav/CNO might well revise the guidance to N523. That is out of the question for now.

We must wait prayerfully for his recovery. In the meantime, you have developed a valuable database of contacts on the subject that your action officer can benefit by greatly.

I'm sure you too, Jim, feel that for the Chancellor's credibility to be sustained with his present contacts in Vietnam, there must be early visible signs of action start happening with something positive resulting (e.g., USA stuff flowing through the pipeline to Vietnam. Amb Peterson might have ideas for the best approach to State Dept.

Again, Well Done on getting so much info so soon. Don't Give Up the Ship(ment), just yet.

Sincerely,
Emmett

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