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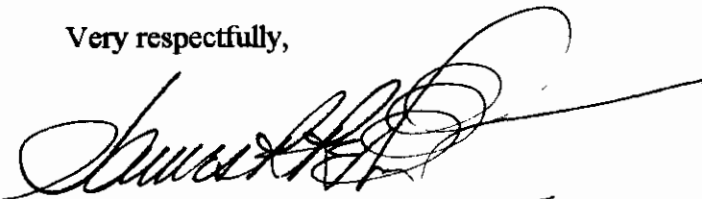
Dear Admiral:

The Vietnam Center has suffered a significant loss this week. John Lowey, who had acted as President of the Vietnam Center Advisory Board since our very first meeting in 1989, has accepted a position as executive director of the Colorado Wine Industry Development Board, and is leaving tomorrow for Grand Junction. Phil Price, a former Army officer who was severely wounded in Vietnam, is taking over in the interim. Phil is President of Phil Price Advertising and Phil Price Communications Group, with his main office here in Lubbock and other offices in Dallas, Little Rock and Albuquerque. Like John, he has extensive business connections in Lubbock which are important for us. Like John, also, he is very enthusiastic and is dedicated to our project.

The purpose of this letter is to ask whether you would agree to send a letter thanking John Lowey for all of his work over the years. I think it would be very nice to give him some recognition a bit more formal than my own heartfelt thanks. I have taken the liberty to attach a proposed draft for your consideration.

I received a call today from Tom Boettcher, author of *Vietnam: The Valor and the Sorrow*. He was seeking a venue for Rand Corporation to launch three new books, one entitled *Icarus Solution* dealing with the Air Force, and the others dealing with the Persian Gulf War and POWs. I advised him that we would welcome such an event here at the Vietnam Archive. He will provide further information after he talks with the people at Rand. (As an aside, I would be pleased to see Rand Corporation's Vietnam papers in the Archive at some future date.)

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner

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Mr. John Lowey

Dear John:

As you leave Lubbock to take up your new position as executive director of the Colorado Wine Industry Development Board, I would like, on behalf of the Vietnam Center Advisory Board, to thank you for your many hundreds of hours of effort on behalf of the Center. You were, literally, "present at the creation": one of the people who gathered for the first planning meeting for the Vietnam Archive in the summer of 1989. And you have been a constant and very active supporter of the effort ever since.

When Texas Tech University's Board of Regents established the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict in November, 1989, the members of the Board elected you President. It was a provident choice, for since then the Center's programs have to a very large extent reflected your enthusiasm and also your organizational skills. The excellent program and attention to detail so clearly evident in every aspect of last year's conference, "Vietnam: Paris + 20," were to a very large extent the result of your fine efforts. Your unfailing work on behalf of the Center and Archive was central to the development of our organization to its present position of growing national and international recognition. This is an achievement of which you may justly feel proud.

As you go on to your new field of endeavor, go knowing that you have earned the respect and admiration of all who have worked with you on the Vietnam Center Advisory Board. You take with you, too, my sincere thanks for all that you have accomplished. "Bravo Zulu": Well done.

(I have suggested using his current address; his wife and family will be there until June, and we do not yet have a Colorado address for him.)



E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
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May 3, 1994

Mr. John Lowe

Dear John:

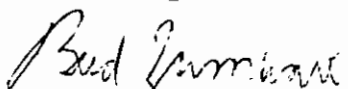
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