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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

I am so pleased to hear from you again after a long hiatus. If I remember well, the last time I had the opportunity to see you was when both of us were speakers at a conference on Vietnam at Georgetown University a few years ago.

I sincerely thank you for forwarding to me the letter from Dr. Lawless asking me to join you and other friends on the National Council of the Texas Tech's Center for the study of the Vietnam Conflict.

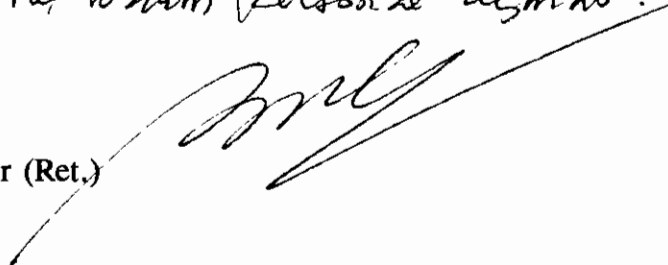
As you said it well in your letter, all of us, touched by the American experience in Vietnam, share the Center's goals of preserving the historical record and encouraging the search for lessons of this experience. It is in this spirit that I will write to Dr. Lawless and accept his invitation.

Hoping to have the opportunity to see you in the near future, I am sending you my best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 1994.

Sincerely,

With warm personal regards.

Bui Diem
Ambassador (Ret.)



P.S. For your information and reading, please find attached a copy of the report on the economy of Vietnam that our Institute has just completed.

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed with our compliments is a copy of the Pacific Basin Research Institute's new study, *Toward a Market Economy in Viet Nam: Economic Reforms and Development Strategies for the 21st Century*. This report is the culmination of two years of research and collaboration by a group of Viet Nam scholars from several academic and professional disciplines.

As you know, Viet Nam has received a great deal of media attention lately regarding its potential as an economic power. In the heart of Southeast Asia—the world's most dynamic economic region in recent years—Viet Nam is perceived by many to be poised for an economic “take-off.” Much work must be done, however, before this can happen.

There are many opinions as to how Viet Nam can achieve a successful transition from a centralized Marxist “command” economy to a free-market economy. We believe this study realistically appraises the economic, political and social obstacles to reform—and serves as a blueprint for making that transition.

Your opinion is important to us, and we would welcome your comments about the study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bui Diem', written over a horizontal line.

Bui Diem
Executive Director
Pacific Basin Research Institute