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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

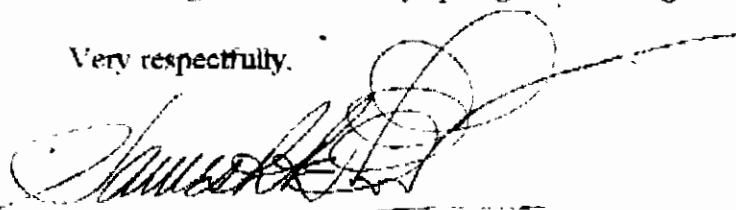
Your letter of 26 July just reached me. I regret the "job description" was inadvertently left off. I forward it herewith. With this proposed council we have tried to keep the time requirements for the individuals who might form it to an absolute minimum, in the hope that that might make such service more acceptable. We state that the routine method of interaction will be informal communication between the director of the center and the individual members, and that this board should meet on an "as-needed" basis, preferably every three years (to coincide with our big conference). My idea with this timing is that I think it very important for the younger academics who will be writing and rewriting the history of the Vietnam War in the years ahead to have the opportunity to meet and interact with those who played important roles in the war.

I received a letter yesterday from Professor Edwin Moise from Clemson University in which he says that when he was in Hanoi in 1989 "someone (probably someone with the State Committee for the Social Sciences) told [him] that a few months before, there had been a conference in Hanoi on the history of the seaborne infiltration operation." I have asked Ed Marolda at the Navy Historical Center to see if he can find any further information, and will be approaching Doug Pike on the same topic. But if that is the case, it seems more likely that we will be able to locate someone very knowledgeable about the communist side of the infiltration effort for the next conference.

The director of special collections for the library has formally recommended acquisition of the Pike Collection, and the addition of two permanent staff to catalog the materials and make them accessible to researchers. We now await a meeting of the university vice-presidents, etc., for some decision. I will send you copies of the report by mail.

Again, Admiral, my apologies for failing to forward the "job description."

Very respectfully,



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