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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.)
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Dear Admiral Zumwalt,

I was honored and pleased to learn that you will chair the session in which I will present my paper "Crucible of War" at the forthcoming **Vietnam: Paris + 20** Conference at Texas Tech University.

We met years ago when you occupied an office at the Naval Historical Center at the Washington Navy Yard. You may recall that at that time we were hard at work on Volume II of the Navy's projected six-volume history of the Vietnam War. That work, coauthored by Oscar Fitzgerald and myself and covering the years 1959 to 1965, was published in 1986. It was well received by the Navy and the public.

You may like to know that we currently have a number of Vietnam-related projects underway. Center historians are preparing series Volume III, treating the in-country war from 1965 to 1968, Volume IV, detailing the Rolling Thunder bombing campaign in the same period, and Volume V, covering in-country activities from 1968 to 1972. Now at the press and scheduled for publication in late spring are the Vietnam Illustrated History and the History of Minesweeping in North Vietnam cited in my attached vita.

Enclosed, in addition to a vita and a copy of my paper, are a recently distributed bibliography and a catalogue of our publications in print that you may find useful.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference and extend my highest regards.

Very respectfully,

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Head, Contemporary History Branch

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Educational Background:

Pennsylvania Military College, BA, History, 1967

Georgetown University, MA, European Diplomatic History, 1971

The George Washington University, Ph.D, U.S. History, 1990

Published Books:

From Military Assistance to Combat, 1959-1965, Vol. II in series, The United States Navy and the Vietnam Conflict. Washington: Naval Historical Center, 1986. Coauthored with Dr. Oscar P. Fitzgerald.

Carrier Operations, Vol. IV in series, The Illustrated History of the Vietnam War. New York: Bantam, 1987.

By Sea, Air, and Land: An Illustrated History of the United States Navy and the War in Southeast Asia. Washington: Naval Historical Center, 1993.

Operation End Sweep: A History of Minesweeping Operations in North Vietnam, ed., 1993.

Currently preparing with Dr. Robert Schneller a history entitled Shield and Sword: The U.S. Navy and the Persian Gulf War.

Professional Employment:

Currently serve as the Head, Contemporary History Branch, Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC. and have been on staff since 1971.

The Crucible of War: the US Navy & the
VN Experience



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Dear Dr. Marolda:

I remember well our association at the Washington Navy Yard for the few months immediately after my retirement.

Thank you for your letter of April 6. I look forward to hearing about your paper at the Texas Tech seminar.

All best wishes for continuing success.

Sincerely,

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