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Dear Dr. Reckner:

I am delighted to receive your letter of March 5, 1993 that reminds me of the wonderful days we had in the fighting against the Vietnamese Communists in the riverine area. The ceremony of the turnover of a large part of the TF 212 under a heavy downpour is really unforgettable.

It is a distinct honor to be invited to your conference geared to commemorate the signing of the Paris Peace Accords. I am very pleased to accept this invitation.

I am also delighted to learn that you have dedicated your effort to the Vietnam Archive which encourages the research of Vietnam-related topics. As you know, until now many people have not understood much about the Vietnam war. What you and your organization have been doing is essential in maintaining and promoting public understanding of that conflict.

I would like to attend the conference and enhance my knowledge through meeting those experts on the Vietnam war and those who were directly involved in it. It would also be a chance to meet old friends and get to know new ones. Unfortunately at this time, it would be unlikely that I could play an active role as speaker, due to current limitations in my communication skills. I personally feel that I can best attend the conference as an observer.

Thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to join the activities of your organization. I wish the best luck and success to you and your Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict.

Very respectfully,



Tran Van Chon

c/c: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
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