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Dear Jim:

Enclosed are copies of the letters to Air Marshall Nguyen Cao Ky and Lt Gen Pham Hong Son which Jim will take with him to hand deliver in Vietnam.

He will also take the correspondence concerning the Free Trade University and will get back to us after making contact.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
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Dear Admiral:

Thank you for the copies of the letters of invitation for General Son and Air Vice Marshall Ky. I was surprised that you sent the letter to Ky to Vietnam, as I had assumed that he was still living in California. Has he now returned permanently to Vietnam?

I take this opportunity to forward the copy of the videotape of Ambassador Colby's presentation at the Vietnam symposium, for forwarding to Mrs. Colby. I had understood that KTXT (our local PBS station) was editing the tape, but when it finally arrived, it still had my introduction in it. Rather than wait even longer to get an edited copy, I am sending it as it is.

I am pleased to tell you that one of our recent MA theses, dealing with Air Force tactical air in Vietnam, has been accepted for publication by Texas A & M Press. Also, Blake Dunnavent has an article dealing with ACTOV accepted for publication in *Naval History*, though we don't know when it will actually appear. I expect to see many more works appearing from our students in the years ahead.

Three new graduate students have arrived within the last week: an Air Force captain on active duty who will get his masters degree here before reporting to the Air Force Academy to teach the Vietnam War there, a doctoral candidate and a masters student from North Carolina. The doctoral candidate wrote a thesis on the war in Laos, and intends to continue his study of Laos. In order to support that, the archive will put some of our planned acquisitions relating to Laos at the top of our priority list.

At present, we have eight doctoral students whose dissertations will in one way or the other deal with Vietnam, and ten masters students working principally toward theses on Vietnam. One of the masters students will defend his thesis next week, then he is off to Marine Corps OCS. I also have an Air Force second lieutenant and an Army second lieutenant who are completing their theses with me by correspondence while they are on active duty. I am not certain, but I believe this probably is the most active graduate program in Vietnam/military studies in the country today.

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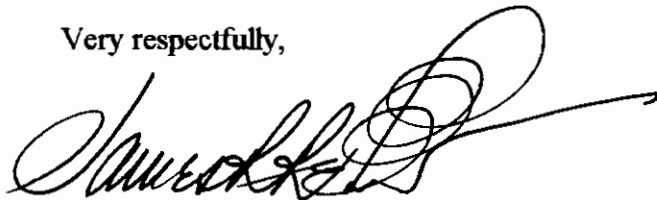
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By the end of this fiscal year, we will have spent about \$90,000 on acquisitions for the Vietnam Archive this year. I am very pleased with that achievement, though I am hoping to better that amount in the next fiscal year. We will ask the King Foundation for another \$50,000 or so in September, and will continue to seek other sources.

We have now submitted our budget request from the State of Texas for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. In addition to generous operating funds for the Center and Archive, I have asked for \$80,000 per year for Archive acquisitions. Our friends in the community will do the necessary lobbying for us with the state government in Austin. I am very optimistic that this line item will be renewed, though possibly not to the full amount. It has met no opposition within Texas Tech, and the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences seems somewhat protective of it, as it is the college's only special line item.

We look forward to hearing what response Jim receives from the officials in Vietnam about General Son's invitation, and also about the Foreign Trade University.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner
Director

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