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Prof Lieutenant General Pham Hong Son

Hanoi

Dear General Son:

I much regretted to learn in April that you would be unable to attend our Vietnam Symposium, *After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam*, which was conducted from 18 to 20 April of this year. Nevertheless, I remain hopeful that you will be able to visit Texas Tech University and the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict there.

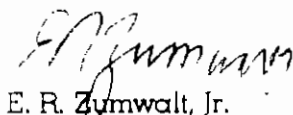
The Center and its related Archive are now preparing to move to new facilities. An \$8.8 million archive building is nearing completion and our archive materials will be moved there in September. Similarly, the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict will move to new offices in a \$3.5 million International Cultural Center which also will open in September.

The Center is now planning a conference for April 18-19, 1997, which will focus on teaching the Vietnam War in universities and high schools. We expect participation by as many as two hundred academics actively involved in teaching about the war in colleges and high schools throughout the country. In that it will provide guidance and ideas for teachers nation-wide, this conference will be particularly influential.

A central feature of the conference will be a period during which leading figures from the war representing all points of view will be asked to speak to the conferees. The theme for each of these presentations will be simply to answer the following question: "From your point of view, what should we teach our students about the Vietnam War?" I personally will answer the question from the American military's point of view, and we will invite a leading figure from the anti-war movement and also a South Vietnamese leader to present their view. We would be very pleased if you would agree to speak on behalf of the North Vietnamese.

I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to accept this invitation to join us and to share your view on what we should be telling future generations about the Vietnam War. The Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict at Texas Tech University will, of course, cover all travel and accommodation expenses should you choose to join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,



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Air Vice Marshall Nguyen Cao Ky
Vietnam

Dear Air Marshall Ky:

The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict at Texas Tech University, for which I have served as Chairman of the Advisory Board since its founding in 1989.

The Center and its related Archive have been growing steadily in recent years and are now preparing to move into newly built archive and headquarters buildings on the campus of Texas Tech University.

The Center also has embarked upon an active program of conferences and symposia relating to all aspects of the Vietnam War. A major symposium was held in 1993 and another this year; and, with the Army War College, the Center co-hosted a Vietnam Roundtable in 1995. We are now in the planning stages for a conference on teaching Vietnam which is scheduled for 18-19 April 1997.

A central feature of that conference will be a period during which leading figures from the war representing all points of view will be asked to speak to the conferees, who will principally be academics engaged in offering Vietnam War courses in universities and high schools. The question for which the conferees seek an answer is, "From your point of view, what should we teach our students about Vietnam?" I would be very pleased if you would accept this invitation to answer that question as the representative of the South Vietnamese point of view. I personally will attempt to answer the question speaking from the American military viewpoint. The Center director will also invite Dr. Daniel Ellsberg to speak from the anti-war movement's perspective, and we will invite Lieutenant General Pham Hong Son to speak on behalf of the North Vietnamese.

You will know that I remain anxious to ensure that the South Vietnamese with whom I served will always have an equal opportunity to represent themselves at the Vietnam Center's meetings. In past meetings we have had present Rear Admiral Tran Van Chon, Lieutenant General Vinh Loc, and also General Nguyen Khanh. It would be our pleasure and honor if you would accept this invitation to speak.

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