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Dear Douglas:

Jim Reckner has advised me of your recent visit to Texas Tech and the Vietnam Center's great desire to convince you to join the Vietnam project at Texas Tech. May I just add a short word of encouragement?

As you will already appreciate, the Vietnam project at Texas Tech is growing by leaps and bounds, and the band of students wishing to study Vietnam is growing with equal speed. At Texas Tech your wealth on knowledge would play a critical part in preparing the young men and women who will be the next generation of professors teaching the Vietnam War. It would be their great honor if they could study under you, and I know that Jim is ready and willing to share that important task--and there is no more important one--with you.

In the context of the Vietnam project itself, I know your depth of knowledge and extensive contacts around the world would serve to enrich the project in many ways. While Jim Reckner is prepared to do all of the administrative work related to the project, I know he would be very grateful to have your advice and guidance in many areas as the project continues to mature and expand.

As a separate matter I would cherish the opportunity to associate more closely with you if you come to Texas Tech.

Sincerely,

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