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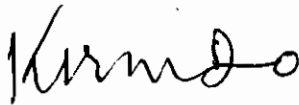
Dear Admiral Zurnwalt,

First, I would like to thank you very much for your recommending me to Dr. James Reckner at the Vietnam Center. Coming from you, it is certainly an honor and duty that I will do my best to carry out. Following your note of encouragement, I have written to Mr. Reckner asking him to allow me to join the 99 Symposium and to serve in Ambassador Bui Diem's project as my top preference or in one of the panels about the Evacuation from South VN and the Mekong Supply Convoy (I was the chairman of this Tripartite committee from 73 to 75) depending on the need and schedule of the individual chairperson.

I firmly believe that the elder generation of Vietnamese –Americans must start now, if not too late, to think more about that window of history that we are relegating to our younger generations. For many of us the democracy, the freedom and the prosperity of Vietnam, our country of birth, is still an agonizing concern but we must understand that it's equally important for us to document objectively, completely and truthfully the past of South Vietnam Republic so that our Vietnamese-American children will have the accessibility to link themselves to, if they are to grow forth healthy and with pride in our diverse American society.

I deeply appreciate your recommendation and hope I will be able to serve with you again in a cause we both believe in.

Very respectfully,



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cc
Jim Reckner
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