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Dear Admiral:

*January 21, 1999*

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To <i>Jim Leckner</i>	From <i>Adm Zumwalt</i>
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Please permit me to respond to a number of letters which arrived yesterday, in the wake of the Christmas break.

1. **Lindy Poling.** I did, in fact, invite her to participate, and I offered her a round-trip ticket to Lubbock. Unfortunately, she has scheduled a class visit to the Wall in Washington at the same time, and thus was unable to accept our invitation. Therefore, I return your check for \$100.

*Jim Keep it for other uses*

2. **Duplication of Records.** We haven't made any plans along this line at this point. However, it is an issue we must address. I suspect a large portion of this problem will be resolved if Congress approves our "Virtual Vietnam Archive" project, for in addition to putting everything on line, we also will be able to store the data on CDs at little additional expense. I believe this is the way we should proceed with this.

*great*

3. **Keynote Speaker for Wall Visit.** Most of the arrangements already are in hand. Thank you for accepting the "assignment". I anticipate the "official" party will be: Chancellor Montford, You, General Westmoreland, Phil Price and a Vietnam Chaplain. We will have it all "wired" and copies of our plans for the events in your hands well in advance.

*Roger*

4. **Wives' Panel.** I have been uncertain about publicity for this, and haven't mentioned it to Admiral Tidd yet, as I am uncertain whether you have raised the issue with him and Muggs. If you haven't, I will be pleased to do so. Please advise me.

*Muggs agreed - please write*

5. **Videotaping during your January 25 visit.** Phil has made the arrangements. The amount we will require from you is relatively small, but critical. We will have to words to you shortly. [Tomorrow, if I can escape correspondence for a while.]

*Roger*

6. **Captain Do.** Captain Do called late yesterday afternoon and left a message apologizing for not responding to my earlier message. He apparently has been in California. I will contact him later today (it is now 0500 as I type) when I get to the office.

7. **General Uoc.** I have written a letter to him which will go out by fax to him and you and Ambassador Peterson today.

*Thanks*

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8. **Archive Developments.** Within the last week or so, we have had very solid progress with the archive: Ambassador Diem called from Paris to report he had accepted custody of 90 boxes of South Vietnamese documentation, principally a complete set of the Official Register of the Republic and a complete set of Vietnam Press.

*been heard*

Additionally, the Operation Ranch Hand Association and the Counterparts Association have both decided to make Texas Tech the repository of the records they have gathered. They thus join the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association. We are now talking with the POW organization, Nam-POW (Colonel Cordier) to make a similar arrangement with them. These decisions, properly publicized, will lead to further donations, I am certain.

*Right on*

9. **Archival Management Course in Hanoi.** I have now received authorization to use additional funds for travel; therefore, I have authorized Dr. Ron Frankum to present a short Archival Management course at Vietnam National University, Hanoi, toward the end of July of this year. The class probably still will be in session when Chancellor Montford visits Hanoi.

*Let's look forward*

10. **January 25th Trip.** Everything seems on track. I look forward to seeing you in Lubbock on January 25th. Les Cullen asked if there would be any time to visit with you. I responded that due to the hurried nature of your visit, the only available time would be after you had checked in at the airport on your way out. I will be there with you then, and Les will join us there.

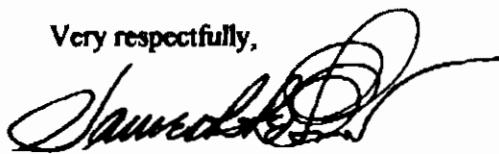
*agreed*

The Environmental Health folks asked me whether they should afford you an opportunity to speak to them. I responded in the affirmative and told them I thought you might want to speak about what you have been doing in Washington in support of the effort, and that you might also want to say a few words in the way of a "pep talk." I hope I haven't been too presumptuous.

*meat*

Chancellor Montford's plans have now changed and he will be available for your visit. I have suggested to the organizers that they permit the Chancellor to introduce you.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner  
Director