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Dear Colonel:

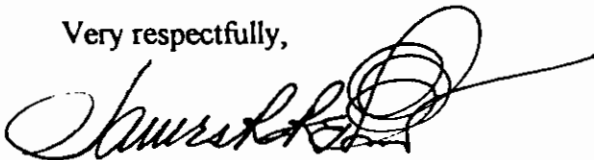
The Vietnam Center at Texas Tech University is bringing the Vietnam Memorial Moving Vietnam Wall to the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock for a visit from 14 to 18 April of this year. The visit is in conjunction with the 3rd Triennial Vietnam Symposium, scheduled for 15-17 April.

On the evening of Wednesday, 14 April, we will conduct ceremonies opening the Wall visit. Keynote speaker will be former Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. Present with him will be General William C. Westmoreland, former Commander US Military Assistance Commander, Vietnam (ComUSMACV) and Army Chief of Staff, and General William B. Rosson, USA (Ret), along with many other Vietnam-era officials, foreign military officers and the Royal Cambodian Ambassador to the United States.

We particularly wish to organize a fly-over of helicopters during the opening ceremonies, slated for 1700, 14 April 1999, and therefore request your assistance in any way possible. Colonel Charles Bogle of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, who also is associated with our project, has recommended that we contact you.

Because of the helicopter's critical role in the Vietnam War, and particularly because of the presence of a very wide range of senior military officers (more than a dozen US flag/general officers will be present) we anticipate heavy local and regional media coverage of the opening ceremony. In order to lend the ceremonies the sound and color which we of the Vietnam generation came to know so intimately in our years of service in Vietnam, we particularly request favorable consideration of this request for a helicopter fly-over.

Very respectfully,



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Director

xc: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.

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