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Dear Colonel Quan:

Thank you for your letter of January 22, 1999.

Concerning hotel accommodations while in Lubbock, The Vietnam Center at Texas Tech University will pay the tariff for the duration of your stay. I have reserved for General Uoc and you a suite adjacent to the quarters assigned to Admiral & Mrs. Elmo R. Zumwalt. I considered General Uoc might feel more comfortable with you quartered in the same room with him in order to deal with any difficulties of language that might arise. The suite is quite spacious and includes a living room in addition to sleeping quarters.

While the program for the symposium is not yet complete, following are the main events associated with the symposium:

**Evening of Wednesday, April 14:** Dinner at which Texas Tech University Chancellor John T. Montford will unveil plans for our new \$15 million Vietnam Center building and museum. Recommended attire: business suit.

**Thursday, April 15:**

0900 Opening of symposium. Welcoming remarks by Chancellor Montford

0930 Panel in which General Uoc will participate

Panels will then continue throughout the day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Other Social Events:

**Thursday, April 15: (1700)** Civic Reception for Symposium Participants. Welcome by Mayor of Lubbock, business leaders, etc. Business suit

**Friday, April 16: (1900)** Conference banquet. Business suit or tuxedo.

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**Saturday, April 17: (1700)** An evening at the V-8 Ranch, in the canyon lands east of Lubbock. Symposium participants will be entertained with mounted maneuvers by a memorial US Cavalry unit, which re-enacts the horse cavalry of the 19th century. There also will be Mexican folklore dancers, a cowboy musical group, and an authentic West Texas barbecue dinner. Dress for this event will be very informal.

The schedule for most of the conference will not become firm until mid-March; however, I am enclosing for your information a listing of the papers that have been proposed for presentation. It is the policy of The Vietnam Center to afford every individual wishing to speak the opportunity to do so, without regard to his/her point of view or political viewpoint.

At present, we expect the following senior officers to attend the symposium:

General William C. Westmoreland  
Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.  
General William B. Rosson  
Vice Admiral Emmett H. Tidd  
Lieutenant General Bernhard T. Mitemeyer  
Major General Kenneth Bowra  
Major General John Cleland  
Major General Dudley E. Faver [Air Force]  
Brigadier General George Gaspard  
Brigadier General A. R. Brownfield  
Brigadier General John Arick [Marine Corps]

All of the general officers with whom I have spoken have expressed great interest in meeting General Uoc. They much look forward to exchanging views and experiences with him.

As for duration of your visit, might I suggest as a minimum that you plan to arrive on 13 April and depart on 18 April? That will enable General Uoc to participate fully in the symposium.

I will keep you fully advised of developments as we get closer to the date of the symposium, and the specific agenda for the remainder of the symposium is confirmed. In the meantime, Colonel, please do not hesitate to contact me for any further details about the symposium, The Vietnam Center at Texas Tech, or any other aspect of your visit.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner, Ph.D.  
Director

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