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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
1000 Wilson Blvd., Suite 3105
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Dear Admiral:

Thank you very much for all of your efforts on behalf of the Vietnam Center during your recent "flying" visit to Lubbock. I much regret that you hardly had time to catch your breath while you were here. I will try much harder during the April visit to ensure that you have some rest and relaxation time while you are here.

Our latest newsletter is to the printers at this point and should be in the mail within the next week and a half. In the meantime, I am sending you a black-and-white draft copy. The final product will be in full color on pages 1, 4, 5 and 8, and thus will look a bit prettier.

We have now received a "short biographical sketch" of Lieutenant General Uoc. In the great Communist tradition, it is brief almost to the point of being Delphic. Nevertheless, it does give some small insight into the man. In response, I will provide him a short biographic sketch of you and General Rosson.

I think everything else is pretty much on track with the Vietnam project. All we need to do is to keep pushing about a dozen different projects in different directions simultaneously, and we will achieve success. [At least, as long as I get to define "success".] I am most anxious to learn how the state legislature will treat our budget request for the next biennium, but I am hopeful, as there is a considerable surplus in the state budget, so we might just "strike it rich." The Chancellor has requested \$2 million per year for the next biennium. If we get just 50% of that, it will be an approximately 300% increase in the level of funding. On the Federal front, the Vice President for Research reports that he is extremely optimistic that we will receive at least some funding for the Virtual Vietnam Archive project for FY 2000.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner

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xc: Vadm. Tidd

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Dear Mr. Reckner,

Following is a short biographical sketch of General Uoc that we have promised to send to you for your introduction.

Respectfully,



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Deputy Head of the International Division
External Relations Department
Ministry of National Defense
Vietnam.

Lt. Gen. Associate Professor Nguyen Dinh Uoc

- Date of birth: June 14, 1927
- Place of birth: Vu Yen village, Phu Tho province, North Vietnam
- Sequence of Assignments:
 - +1945-participated in the August 1945 Revolution and then Joined the Army.
 - +1952-Deputy Artillery Regiment Commander
 - +1954-Regiment Commissar for Dien Bien Phu Battle
 - +1955-Chief of Division Commissar
 - +1961-1963- Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the People's Army Review
 - +1964-1977-Editor-in-Chief of the People's Army Newspaper
 - +1978-National Defense Academy Attendee
 - +1979-1984-Deputy Commander in charge of political affairs of the 4th Military Region.
 - +1985-1993-Deputy Director of the Military History Institute, MoD.
 - +1994-1998-Director of the Military History Institute, MoD.
- Sequence of rank:

+1974-Senior Colonel
+1984-Major General
+1992-Associate Professor on Military Science
+1994-Lt.Gen.
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