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Lieutenant General Nguyen Dinh Uoc
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Dear General Uoc:

Admiral Zumwalt has forwarded your letter of January 15, 1999, to me, with a request that I respond directly to you concerning reimbursement to travel expenses and detailed arrangements.

The Vietnam Center will, indeed, refund you for travel expenses equivalent to the cost of travel from Hanoi to Lubbock, Texas. As we use State of Texas funds, we are limited to reimbursement of "coach" rates.

Please advise me of your flight number and time of arrival in Lubbock in order that we may meet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel. We will have arranged in advance accommodations for you and Lieutenant Colonel Quan at the hotel at which the symposium will occur.

Might I suggest that you so arrange your travel that you arrive in Lubbock on April 13th? This will afford you an opportunity to rest a bit before the symposium begins, and also will enable us to show you a bit of the local region and its attractions. The symposium will begin with a dinner on the evening of April 14th, at which Texas Tech University Chancellor John T. Montford will unveil plans for our new \$15 million Vietnam Center building.

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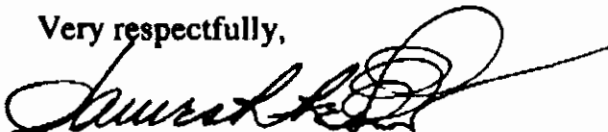
The panel on which you will appear is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be two speakers in addition to yourself: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret) and General William B. Rosson, USA (Ret). Admiral Zumwalt, as you know, commanded US Naval Forces in Vietnam, 1968-1970 and then was Chief of Naval Operations for the US Navy from 1970 to 1974, when he retired. General William B. Rosson served five tours of duty in Vietnam. His initial service there was as a lieutenant colonel on the French staff at the time of Dien Bien Phu. His last tour was as Deputy Commander of the US Military Assistance Command as a four-star general.

I will introduce you and the other speakers. I already have sufficient information about Admiral Zumwalt and General Rosson to adequately introduce them. I know the participants in the symposium will be very interested to learn more about you and your extensive career. Therefore, I respectfully request a short biographical sketch that I might use to introduce you. In essence, I simply wish to know what you would like me to say about your background to help the audience—mostly military officers and academics— understand you.

We at The Vietnam Center are very pleased and honored that you have been able to accept our invitation. The program has attracted a number of senior US military officers; therefore, it will afford you an opportunity to meet them and to discuss many aspects of the war with them. I believe such discussion will be very helpful both for the United States and Vietnam.

On a personal level, I look forward to seeing you again in April, and to the opportunity to share a few meals with you. Please contact me directly for any additional assistance The Vietnam Center might render as you prepare for your trip.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner, Ph.D.

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