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Dear Admiral:

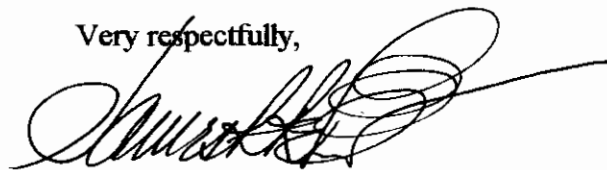
The purpose of this letter is to propose that you invite General Weyand to participate in the 1996 Vietnam Symposium, to give the opening address on Wednesday night, which we have given the title, "After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam," and to participate with you in the panel discussion with whichever Vietnamese general might ultimately appear for the symposium.

I have not had the opportunity to meet General Weyand, and he has had no information about the Center, I believe. Therefore, I believe an invitation from you would be much more warmly received and considered than would one from the Center itself.

What do you think about the idea? General Westmoreland has already expressed his unwillingness to participate in the symposium, so it is highly unlikely that his position will change. At the same time, General Weyand is the only other ComUSMACV who could attend. I know nothing about the state of his health, or his willingness to become involved in such activities, and so I forward this proposal as nothing more than a suggestion, with a request for your guidance.

All else seems to be going well with our preparations for next April. Last Friday I faxed a proposal to the Ford Foundation after setting a new record, I think, for pushing it through the university bureaucracy for all of the necessary internal approvals. I requested nearly \$16,000 to support a Vietnamese delegation of six historians for the conference, with the proviso that two might remain another week in Lubbock to present their views to an undergraduate class studying Vietnam, as well as to my growing legion of graduate military historians. (I expect a minimum of twenty masters and doctoral candidates in American military history in the fall.)

Very respectfully,



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Director