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To: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Fax: (703) 528-5795

From: James R. Reckner

Subject: Approach to Mr. H. Ross Perot

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Dear Admiral,

We are still working on the approach to Mr. Perot. I take this opportunity to forward, for your information, a letter (less enclosures) that I sent via fax to Ambassador Colby this morning, requesting that he visit Mr. Perot with President Lawless.

If the Center is to be successfully institutionalized, we must pursue every possible avenue to secure the necessary funds. For the present, Mr. Perot, we know, is interested in what we are doing; therefore, I believe we should press ahead with this proposal.



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Hon. William E. Colby
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Dear Ambassador Colby:

For several months we have been working on a major funding proposal for Mr. H. Ross Perot to endow the Vietnam Center and Archive. One of our local advisory board members had a long discussion with Mr. Perot, during which Mr. Perot expressed great interest in our program. His personal staff have indicated a high probability of success for this proposal.

We are requesting \$5,000,000, to be used in the following way:

- * \$2,000,000 to endow staff and acquisition programs from the Vietnam Archive
- * \$1,000,000 to endow a chair in Vietnam War studies
- * \$1,000,000 to endow a program of pre- and post-doctoral fellowships in Vietnam War studies
- * \$1,000,000 to endow operations of the Vietnam Center

Each of the separate areas will afford appropriate naming opportunities, and the \$5,000,000 total will include an opportunity to name the Center and Archive.

We now expect to have a formal proposal approved by President Robert W. Lawless of Texas Tech University and ready for submission to Mr. Perot within the next few weeks. Our fund raisers here indicate that the probability of success of this proposal will be greatly enhanced if one of our National Council members would visit with Mr. Perot, in company with President Lawless, to support the proposal. Admiral Zumwalt, who supports our efforts in every way, has expressed some reservations about visiting Mr. Perot because of Mr. Perot's opposition to some of the Admiral's programs while he was Chief of Naval Operations. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to request that you consider visiting with Mr. Perot, at a time mutually acceptable to you, President Lawless, and Mr. Perot.

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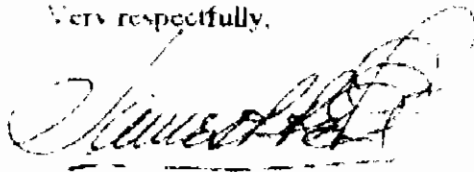
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I realize that this represents a terrible imposition on our part. I make this request only because I believe your presence would be a critical factor in success of the proposal. Success of the proposal would institutionalize our Vietnam program and ensure continued study of the American experience in Vietnam long after all of us who were participants have departed from the scene. I believe attainment of that goal is important enough for me, most respectfully, to make this request.

I will call you early next week, after you have had some time to consider this proposal, to discuss the project with you. In the meantime, though, I thought it appropriate first to forward some information about it in advance. If you agree to assist the university with this project, we will, of course, cover all of your expenses and provide an advance copy of our final proposal well before the scheduled meeting.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner

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Dear Bill:

I hope you will be able to take on the assignment that James Reckner has requested you take, i.e., to meet with Ross Perot.

All best wishes for the holidays.