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Dear Admiral:

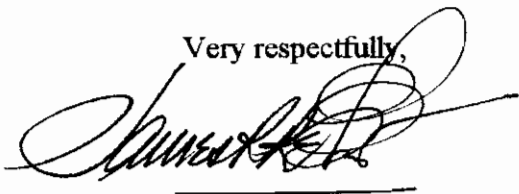
I take this opportunity to forward a copy of a recent letter from Lieutenant General Harold G. Moore, and our response.

General Moore tentatively offers the Vietnam Archive "a very large amount of material dating from 11th Air Assault Div. and 1st Cav at Fort Benning; research on Joe Galloway's & my book; notes photos, etc. from my 1990, 1992, 1993 trips to Vietnam, etc."

We, of course, have responded that we would be honored to receive these materials, and in response to his query concerning policies, safeguards, etc., I have provided specific responses.

Texas Tech has completed three masters' theses on Vietnam within the last year or so, and I will have at least four new Vietnam theses beginning in the Fall, along with one Vietnam doctoral candidate. The other two completed masters theses students will be continuing on to doctoral work here, but will be concentrating on naval history. One, the son of a retired Air Force officer, will be examining the brief but very active career of the USS *Phelps*. I had done quite a lot of research work on this topic already, but with the competing demands of Theodore Roosevelt and the Vietnam Center it now appears unlikely that I will ever have adequate time to devote to the *Phelps*. I know a good many of the men who are still so active with the *Phelps* Shipmates would be delighted to see a really good piece of work on their ship. The doctoral candidate to whom I have assigned this topic is capable of excellent, publishable work. I intend to push him for a final product that the Naval Institute Press would be pleased to publish.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner

The attached fax from Douglas Pike arrived this morning. Once again, I attribute our progress to your assistance.

JR

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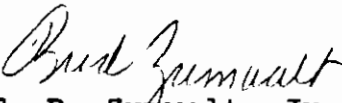
Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your letter of July 28. I assume you know that I served on board the USS Phelps as my first Navy tour.

I am delighted to see that Douglas Pike is getting warmer.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,


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