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Dear Colonel Brown:

In response to your letter of July 8, 1994, hand-delivered to me by Dr. Earl H. Tilford, Jr., I take this opportunity to forward the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict's proposal to cohost a Vietnam Roundtable which we have tentatively entitled, "The Vietnam War: On Winning and Losing: A Reexamination of the Summers Thesis and the Vietnam War."

We have taken particular care with formulation of the budget for this event, drawing upon our experience from the 1993 Vietnam Conference, "Vietnam: Paris + 20." I believe you will find the figures reasonable. We will offer no honoraria to any of the scheduled presenters; rather, we intend to offer \$500.00 per speaker (with the exception of Colonel Summers and General Nguyen Khanh) with which the individual speakers will be expected to arrange their own travel and accommodations. In order to make this money stretch a bit further, we have changed the roundtable dates to Friday and Saturday, in order that participants can benefit from air fare reductions coincident to remaining over Saturday night.

We also have not included any expense for administrative support at Texas Tech, relying instead on volunteer labor on the part of the Vietnam Center, History Honors Society, and local Vietnam veterans active in the Vietnam Center Advisory Board. Even with these economies, though, there is a very narrow margin for unanticipated events. In order to realize the figures presented, we are dependent upon attracting around ninety registration-paying participants.

Trusting that you will look with favor upon the enclosed proposal, I remain,

Very respectfully,

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Director

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