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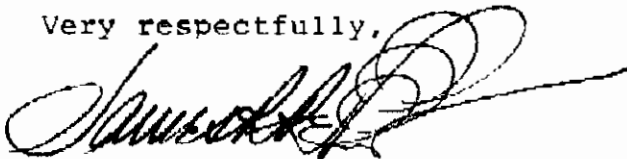
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Dear Admiral:

Attached is my letter to General Westmoreland, forwarded in accordance with our telephone conversation this morning.

I think the important thing to emphasize here is that success with this proposal will ensure an infrastructure for continued academic study of Vietnam long after the last Vietnam veteran will have passed from the scene. Success will permanently institutionalize our endeavor.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner



E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
ADMIRAL, U. S. NAVY (RET.)

August 19, 1994

General William C. Westmoreland, USA (Ret.)
P. O. Box 1059
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Dear Westy:

This is to follow up on the letter to you from Dr. James R. Reckner (attached). I think there is every indication of possible interest from Ross Perot's staff and the requested grant will insure an infrastructure for continued academic study of Vietnam long after all of us Vietnam veterans have passed from the scene. It would certainly be a wonderful way to institutionalize a methodology for folding in some of your great accomplishments.

Mouza joins me in sending all best wishes to you and Kitsy.

Sincerely,

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August 18, 1994

General William C. Westmoreland
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Dear General Westmoreland:

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 Advisory Board members had a long discussion with Mr. Perot, during which Mr. Perot expressed great interest in our program once he learned that you had consented to join our National Council. 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:

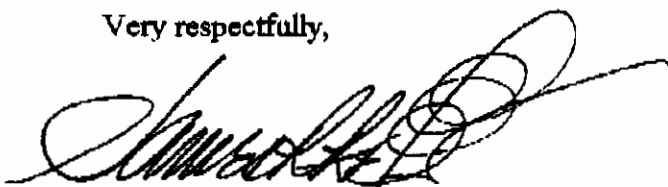
- * \$2,000,000 to endow staff and acquisition programs for the Vietnam Archive
- * \$1,000,000 to endow a chair in Vietnam War studies
- * \$1,000,000 to endow a program of pre- and post-doctoral fellowships in Vietnam War studies
- * \$1,000,000 to endow operations of the Vietnam Center

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 Lawless of Texas Tech and ready for submission to Mr. Perot in November. The purpose of this letter is to request that you consider visiting with Mr. Perot, in company with President Lawless, to support the proposal, the visit to be arranged at a mutually acceptable date.

I realize that this represents a terrible imposition on our part. I make this request only because I believe your presence would be a, possibly the, 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.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reekner

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