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November 22, 1994

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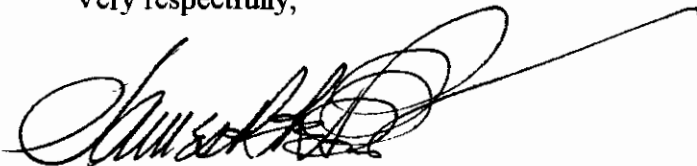
Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

Thank you for your letter of November 12, 1994. We are all delighted that you and Mrs. Zumwalt will be able to attend the 1995 Roundtable. I think it will be a very useful and informative meeting. Please let me know when your travel arrangements are complete. I will be at the airport to meet you, as will Commander Brunson of the Navy ROTC and a junior officer who will act as your aide during your visit. We will revise the program to arrange an appropriate speaking opportunity for you.

There have been two rather exciting developments within the past week: Dr. John A. Buesseler, a retired Army colonel (Medical Corps), has intimated that he would like to endow a refereed academic journal on Vietnam for publication by the Center. As there is none at present, that would be a wonderful development. When we parted, he was very excited about the prospect. We have now only to await his final decision. Even should he decide not to endow a journal, he remains one of our strongest supporters, having already donated \$4,000 to the Center over the last few years. I will, of course, let you know if there is any positive development with this.

The other item is that I have been advised very informally, that the National Endowment for the Humanities has already approved our proposal for funding for the 1996 Symposium. The information comes to me third-hand, and may well be false, but being the eternal optimist, I am very pleased. If they approved the entire package, we will receive \$28,200 to assist with travel expenses and also with publication of the proceedings. It would be a delight to be able to run at least one meeting without having to worry about every single penny. (The 1993 meeting was really run on a shoestring.)

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner
Director

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October 4, 1994

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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

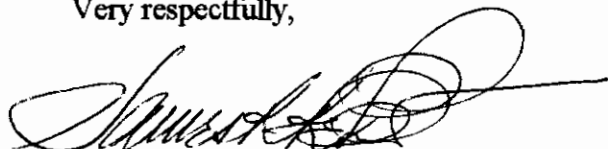
I take this opportunity to forward copies of the planning agendas for the 1995 Vietnam roundtable and the 1996 Vietnam symposium, both of which reflect the state of planning as of today.

We have received word today that the National Coalition of Vietnam Veterans, which contributed \$1,000 last month, will give us another \$2,000 at the beginning of 1995. Additionally, the Texas chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America has now indicated that it will begin providing us \$500 per month for an indefinite period. These two contributions will amount to \$9,000 by the beginning of 1996, and so will provide a very welcome financial buffer for the big symposium.

Concerning the 1996 symposium, Ambassador Diem, Ambassador Colby, and Dr. Rostow have now agreed to participate. I have not yet heard from Mr. Bundy, but Dr. Rostow reported that he had talked to Mr. Bundy, and that I should expect a letter of acceptance from him shortly. All of the other principal panels have been filled. The remaining gaps will be filled by individuals who will respond to our call for papers, a copy of which is attached to this letter.

One notable absence in 1996 will be Lieutenant General Philip Davidson, who has withdrawn due to serious medical complications. We will be able to find a replacement, but it will be difficult to match General Davidson.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner

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Army War College - Vietnam Center Vietnam Roundtable 31 March - 1 April 1995

Planning as of 22 September 1994

Conference sessions will be held in the Sheraton Inn, Lubbock

All scheduled presentations have been confirmed except General Officer's Presentation.

March 30, 1995 [Thursday]

P.M. Roundtable Participants arrive in Lubbock; check-in at hotel

1800 Social Hour at hotel; cash bar

March 31, 1995 [Friday]

0815 Opening Remarks: President Robert W. Lawless

0830 Colonel Harry Summers on the Summers Thesis. Colonel Summers, an Army War College Distinguished Fellow, formerly held the AWC's General Douglas MacArthur Chair.

1000 Coffee Break

1015: The Summers Thesis in Strategic Context. Dr. Larry E. Cable, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

1145: Lunch (Catered by Sheraton Inn). Luncheon Speaker: Douglas Pike, "Recent Developments in Vietnam"

1330: The Impact of the Summers Thesis on the Military. LTC Conrad Crane, U.S. Military Academy

1500: Coffee break

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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., USN (RET), Chairman
General William C. Westmoreland, Hon. William E. Colby
Hon. William P. Bundy, Hon. Bui Diem, Professor Douglas Pike

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March 31, 1995 (Continued)

- 1515: The Summers Thesis and the Academic Left. Dr. Marc J. Gilbert, North Georgia College.
- 1800: (Approximate) Transportation to Reese AFB
- 1815: Social Hour at Reese AFB Club (Major General Faver to arrange).
Dinner on your own.

April 1, 1995 [Saturday]

- 0830: The Summers Thesis: Does It Stand Up to the Strategic "So What?" Test?
Dr. John R. Guilmartin, Jr., Ohio State University
- 1000: Coffee Break
- 1015: The Vietnam War in Strategic Context: An Asian Perspective. Dr. Xiaoming
Zhang, Texas Tech University
- 1115: Briefings on Vietnam Center/Vietnam Archive
- 1145: Lunch (Catered by Sheraton Inn). Luncheon Speaker: General Nguyen Khanh
- 1330: The Vietnam War: A General Officer's Views. (Speaker TBA)
- 1500: Coffee Break
- 1515: The Vietnam War: On Winning and Losing. Dr. Earl Tilford, Army War College
- 1645: Closing remarks. Dr. James R. Reckner, Texas Tech University

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"After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam"
Tentative Agenda for 1996 Vietnam Symposium
18-20 April 1996

Planning (as of 1 Oct. 1994). Asterisk beside name indicates speaker has agreed to participate.

Wednesday, 17 April 1996

Conferees arrive in Lubbock

2000 Welcoming Address: "A Post-Cold War Reassessment of the Vietnam War."
Speaker to be announced.

2100 (Approx) Reception at Conference Hotel. (Cash bar + snacks)

Thursday, 18 April 1996

0815 Administrative remarks by conference organizers

0830 Opening Address: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.

0900 Session 1: Views from the Other Side

"China and the Defense of North Vietnam, 1964-1969"

*Dr. Xiaoming Zhang, Texas Tech University

"The Soviet Union and North Vietnam"

*Prof. Ilya Gaiduk, Academy of Sciences, Moscow

"North Vietnam's Relationship with the Soviet Union and China"

*Dr. William J. Duiker, PennState University

1030: Coffee Break

1045: Session 2: Reassessing the Threat

"China, Russia, and American Vietnam Diplomacy"

*Dr. George Herring, University of Kentucky

"Chinese and Russian Support for North Vietnam: A South Vietnamese View"

*Hon. Bui Diem, former South Vietnamese Ambassador to U.S.

"The American Intelligence Community's Performance: A Reassessment"

*Dr. John Prados, Independent Scholar

1996 Vietnam Symposium Agenda

- 1230: Lunch. Luncheon Speaker: Major General Vang Pao (tentative)
- 1400: **Session 3: After the Cold War Was Over: Reassessing Vietnam Roundtable Discussion**
*Hon. William E. Colby, Hon. William P. Bundy, *Hon. Walt Rostow,
*Hon. Bui Diem
- 1530: Coffee Break
- 1545: **Session 4: Panel on Laos (Paper titles not yet known)**
*Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Southern Connecticut University
*Dr. William M. Leary, University of Georgia
*Dr. Arthur J. Dommen, Independent Scholar
- 1700: Transportation to reception
- 1715: Civic Reception for Conferees, hosted by local business leaders
After reception, conferees dine individually

Friday, 19 April 1996

(The agenda for this day will be determined by the responses to our call for papers.)

- 0830: **Session 5A, 5B, 5C (As many as necessary)**
- 1000: Coffee Break
- 1015: **Session 6A, 6B, 6C, etc.**
- 1145: Lunch. Luncheon Speaker: *Professor Douglas Pike, "Recent Developments in Vietnam"
- 1315: **Session 7A, 7B, 7C, etc.**
- Session 7A: Air Force Reassessments**
- "Air Force Doctrine and Vietnam," *Colonel Dennis M. Drew,
Dean, School of Advanced Air Power Studies
"The Fighter Pilot Take-over of the Air Force," *Major Mike Worden,
Air Force Academy
"The Impact of Victory on the Post-Vietnam War Air Force," *Dr. Earl
H. Tilford, Jr., Army War College
- 1445: Coffee Break
- 1500: **Session 8A, 8B, 8C, etc.**

1996 Vietnam Symposium Agenda

1800: Busses depart for Conference Banquet site. (McInturff Center)

1830-2000: Cocktails (Cash Bar)

2000: Conference Banquet.

2100: Keynote Address. Speaker to be announced

2200: (Approximately) Buses return to conference hotel

Saturday, 20 April

0830 Session 9: Armed Forces Reassessments

Army: *LTC Conrad Crane, USMA, West Point

Navy: *Dr. Edward Marolda, Navy Historical Center

Marine Corps: *Dr. Jack Shulimson, Marine Corps Historical Center

1015: Coffee Break

1030: Session 10: Panel Discussion

*Admiral Zumwalt, General Giap, + Senior Army Officer

1200: Lunch. Luncheon Speaker: To be announced.

1400 Session 11a, 11b, 11c, etc.

1545: End of Formal Agenda

1600: (Approx.) Optional tour of Texas Tech campus, then return to conference hotel.