



REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

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Excellency :

I have learnt with deep regret that you had had to leave Vietnam unexpectedly due to the illness of your beloved daughter.

While writing these lines, I know of no way than to wish your dear daughter soon recover.

Also on this occasion, I cannot help recalling my close associations with you for the common and just cause of peace and freedom. I can assure you that our closely tied friendship will be treasured deeply in our minds forever.

Your outstanding contribution during your more than three years stay in Vietnam to the program of pacification of the countryside has engraved in the hearts and minds of the Vietnamese people and has won their great admiration indeed.

I am confident that with your superb leadership and experience, you will achieve great success in the coming mission entrusted to you.

Please accept my best wishes for the continued success, good health and happiness to you and your beloved family.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

NGUYEN VAN VY  
Minister of Defense

His Excellency WILLIAM COLBY  
Ambassador

United States of America.