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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

American Embassy
Saigon, Viet Nam
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Dear Dr. Hannah:

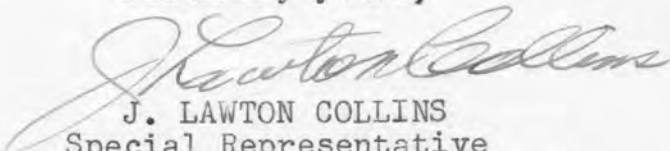
Dr. Wesley Fishel, a member of your staff, has just left Saigon to return to Michigan State College after making a highly valuable contribution to my mission in Viet Nam. I was indeed sorry to see him leave Saigon.

Dr. Fishel spent many long hours under trying conditions and considerable pressure as my immediate liaison with the President of the Council of Ministers. He had the daily task of following up with President Diem the implementation of the various programs we had developed to assist the Viet Nam government. In addition, because of his close relationship with Diem he served as a confidential advisor to the President. In this latter unofficial role Dr. Fishel remained constantly faithful to the instructions I had given him that any private advice he gave the President must be in consonance with United States policy.

I feel most fortunate to have had the benefit of Dr. Fishel's energy, discretion, keen mind and sound judgment. Dr. Fishel did a splendid job while he was here and enjoyed both Ngo Dinh Diem's and my confidence and respect. He was truly a fine representative of the United States and I congratulate you on having him on your staff.

Please accept my sincere thanks for making Dr. Fishel available to us in Viet Nam.

Sincerely yours,


J. LAWTON COLLINS
Special Representative
of the United States in Viet Nam

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