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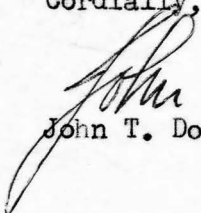
Dear Wes,

Thank you very much for your letter of March 10, inviting me to join your planning committee for the conference on Vietnam next October. It would be a pleasure to work with you in planning for this meeting.

We will be in travel status from July 4 to the end of September, returning to the U.S. through Europe. As this would probably be a crucial period in the correspondence of the planning committee, I wonder whether my participation would be useful. Because of this, I will accept your invitation with pleasure, but conditionally. That is, if you think my relative unavailability during the months of July, August, and September would considerably reduce my usefulness, then I would be glad to withdraw. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you feel you will need committee members with whom you can communicate regularly during that period.

In any event, and in whatever capacity, I will be glad to do whatever I can to help you make the conference a success.

Cordially,


John T. Dorsey, Jr.

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