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Dear Mr. Duc:

In revising for immediate publication an encyclopedia article on Vietnam I find there are a number of questions of fact about which it has not been possible to obtain accurate answers here. I would appreciate your giving these questions the quickest possible attention, since I am facing a very close deadline.

1. How many members are there in the Legislative Assembly of the Viet Cong regime in Hanoi?
2. What is the approximate length of the coast line of Vietnam from the border of China to the southern most tip?
3. What figures do you accept for
 - (a) the population of the Republic of Vietnam
 - (b) the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV)
 - (c) the percentage of distribution of population throughout the entire country as between rural and urban areas?
4. How many schools (public and private) are there in the DRV?
5. Is it correct to state that there are approximately 3600 public and private schools in the Republic of Vietnam?
6. What is the total mileage of roads in the DRV (paved and dirt)?
7. How many radio stations are there in the Republic of Vietnam?

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8. How many radio stations are there in the DRV?
9. What is the preferred method of settling civil disputes between Vietnamese aside from using the courts? How much use is made of arbitration?

May I also take this opportunity to congratulate you on the increasingly high quality of News From Vietnam. I was particularly taken with the article on the Chams and on the influence of western civilization on Vietnam. Would it be possible to send me twenty additional copies of the March 30, 1959 issue of this bulletin so that I may distribute a copy to each member of my class in Southeast Asian Politics and Government?

Many thanks for your courteous assistance. I look forward to hearing from you very soon, and I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped, air mail, special delivery envelope for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely yours,

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