



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
SAIGON

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Dear Mr. President:

Yesterday, just before our Consul General in Nha Trang left his office on my orders, he suddenly returned to his office, took your picture off his wall, smashed the glass and removed your picture so that it would not be there for the North Vietnamese to deface or mutilate.

I thought you might like to have it as a memento of as brave and dedicated a group of Foreign Service Officers as our country has ever had. The performance of the staffs at Danang and Nha Trang has been magnificent.

Left to its normal inclinations the personnel processes of the Department of State tends to penalize, in terms of future assignments, those Foreign Service Officers who have loyally supported your policies in Viet-Nam. To reverse this process, you might wish to discuss with Secretary Kissinger the possibility of appointing Mr. Spear as Ambassador to an appropriate Embassy.

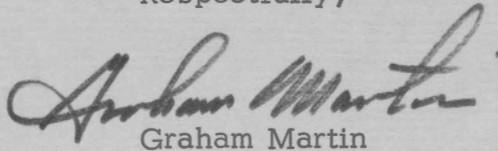
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.



I am sending this to you by the safe hand of David Kennerly. It has been a distinct pleasure to have him as our house guest for the past few days. I now fully understand why you are so fond of him. I thought you wanted him back alive so I curtailed a few of his proposed trips.

With my warmest personal regards,

Respectfully,

  
Graham Martin

