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Dr. Philip N. Van Tho
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Dear Philip:

It was most thoughtful of you and Pauline to accept my invitation to come to Ft. Worth to meet with Dr. Laszlo Nagy and myself so that we could discuss the participation of Vietnamese youth and adults in Scouting programs wherever they may be living. It was a most enjoyable evening and we all benefited by our exchange.

Speaking on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America, we were very pleased to note that there will be a meeting in Los Angeles later this month with Mr. Tran Van Khac, the founder of Vietnamese Scouting, and leaders from the Vietnamese communities throughout California and adjacent states in the Western Region. We would like to extend to you and Pauline an invitation to participate in this meeting as representatives of our International Committee. Since you were the president of the Boy Scouts of Vietnam at the time of the fall of Saigon, I am sure that you and Pauline are the one couple, working with Mr. Khac from Canada, who will be able to organize a central committee that would represent Scouters of Vietnamese origin no matter where they live in this world.

As we discussed, there are now many splinter groups trying to represent all Vietnamese speaking Scouters. This is not only true in the United States but in other countries around the world. A central committee would be the official body with which representatives of Scouting associations could work to resolve any differences that might exist in the countries where Vietnamese people have settled.

After this meeting in Los Angeles, I would appreciate your submitting a report to me that could be used in my report to the International Committee. In the meantime should you have any questions or I can help in anyway, please let me know.

Margaret joins me in extending to Pauline and you our warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

James W. Sands
Director
International Division

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cc: Dr. Laszlo Nagy

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