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Mr. John Rhoden
American Specialist

Dear Mr. Rhoden:

Please forgive me for not meeting you personally, but due to the arrival of the Golden Gate Quartet who are scheduled to give several concerts in Saigon and Hae this week, all our time and energy are being devoted at this moment to making their visit a success. I'm sure you will understand our position. However, Mr. Yang of the Personnel Section of the Embassy will facilitate your entry in a most efficient manner. No mention was made in the telegram we received from Djakarta of hotel reservations, but I have made them for you at the Continental Hotel for the nights of February 2, 3, and 4. If you have no need of them we can easily cancel them. If you do wish to stay at the Continental, Mr. Yang will assist you.

Attached are forms for your Cambodian visa. When you have completed them you may return them to me and our Consular Section will obtain your visa, or you may turn them over to PAA here in Saigon which also facilitates passengers in securing visas.

I would suggest that you come to the American Embassy, 39 Dai Lo Ham Nghi (the Continental Hotel will direct you), Room 104 Cultural Affairs Office at 3 pm this afternoon. I will take you to the Vietnamese-American Association to discuss the details of you talk there and also to attend a ceremony which is being held at the Association this afternoon.

Also attached is an invitation for one of the Golden Gate Quartet concerts and a reception given by Ambassador Durbrow.

I am looking forward to meeting you personally.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Getchell
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Cultural Attache

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