



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

My dear Mr. Dewey:

The Department has just been informed that the Embassy in Chungking has received and is now forwarding a letter, dated September 29, addressed to the President of the United States by Mr. Ho Chi Minh as "President of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam" in Hanoi, Indochina, in which Mr. Ho expresses his profound regret on learning of the death of your son, Colonel Peter Dewey.

Mr. Ho states that he has learned over Saigon radio on September 27 of the death of your son and that he does not know the exact circumstances of your son's death, but that the utmost will be done to search out and severely punish the culprits. He says that measures are being taken to prevent another such occurrence.

Mr. Ho assures the President of the admiration and friendship which the Viet-Namese, appreciating the American stand for international justice, feel toward the American people and any of their representatives in Indochina. He adds that such friendly feelings have been exhibited by the Viet-Namese in their dealings with all persons identified as Americans. Mr. Ho informs the President that the Viet-Namese are deeply moved by the news of the death of your son.

Sincerely yours,

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