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Mr. Thomas Dewey
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Albany, New York
U. S. A.

Excellency:

In 1945, in Saigon, I was introduced to Colonel Dewey, your nephew. He was living at the Continental Hotel, under a French name, his official mission being principally connected with the Red Cross. I was then a Captain.

In the course of our conversations, Colonel Dewey deemed worthwhile all I could impart to him about Indo China.

Taking also into account the pro American activity that I never ceased to carry on in Indo China from December 8, 1941 and for which in November 28, 1942 I was incarcerated in Hanoi, then for which in March 15, 1943 I was eliminated from the Army until July 1944 - Colonel Dewey esteemed that my modest titles merited to be recognized by the Government of the United States of America by the attribution of the "Silver Star" or the "Bronze Star".

The assassination of Colonel Dewey on the Tan Son Nhut road (I had warned him the night before of the danger of circulating as confidently as he was doing) kept my case from being submitted to the Government of the United States of America since no sequel was communicated to me.

I embarked for France October 27, 1945. Since six months ago I am again in Indo China - a volunteer.

Having heard of your recent trip in this country, old memories of more than six years ago came back to me. I thought that perhaps through your mediation, the desire of Colonel Dewey could be fulfilled and that I could be honored with the American decoration which was promised to me in 1945, of which I would be particularly happy and proud.

I certify the honor, the accuracy of the above statements in this letter.

Allow me, Excellency, to express my respectful consideration.

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