

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

May 25, 2007

Dear Mr. Do Nam Hai:

I am writing to confirm your invitation to participate in a meeting with President George W. Bush on May 29, 2007, to discuss democratic reform in Vietnam.

We are sure you could provide the President with valuable insights on this issue. We would be particularly interested in hearing more about the efforts for peaceful democratic change inside Vietnam. We commend the courageous efforts you have made, along with those who are supporters of Bloc 8406 and the Alliance for Democracy and Human Rights for Vietnam.

As President Bush noted in his second Inaugural Address on January 20, 2005, "All who live in tyranny and hopelessness can know: the United States will not ignore your oppression, or excuse your oppressors. When you stand for your liberty, we will stand with you." In that spirit, we would like you to know that we stand with the people in Vietnam who are seeking to expand freedom in their noble country. In that same speech, the President also affirmed that "The leaders of governments with long habits of control need to know: To serve your people you must learn to trust them. Start on this journey of progress and justice, and America will walk at your side."

Sincerely,



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