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Dear Grandma Ingersoll-Curtis:

In response to your letter of April 1, 1992, I have the following comments:

There is no doubt in my mind that the military had the capability to invade North Vietnam and dictate surrender from Hanoi during the Vietnam war, had it been authorized to do so. There were concerns by civilian authority that such an action would have led China to come into the war. Those concerns were legitimate, but, in my judgement, China would not have done so.

The way in which civilian authority ran the Vietnam war led to many more casualties than would have occurred had the military been give the degree of control that it had during the Desert Storm war.

All best wishes to you and your grandson.

Sincerely,

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