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From: Lave (no last name)

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Dear John Allen:

I've been reading all about you in the Arabic-language Beirut newspapers recently. Let's see. It says Wally Bullington finally gave up on Frank Cawyer and sold out to ACC. It says Frank Cawyer finally gave up on the brethren and got married. It says John Allen Chalk has given up completely on everybody and everything and is going to Vietnam. Good grief. What is going on in Abilene? (Really I didn't read all of that here...I have an inside line that you probably realize -- the Cobbs.)

Anyway they said they enjoyed their quick trip to Abilene, and in visiting with you. Wish we could have a nice quiet visit, although for the life of me I can't ever remember us having a nice quiet visit anytime. All I remember when I think about you, is this wild ride over the hills of Tennessee some years back -- trying to twist some of the elders' arms into the idea of a regional edition of the Chronicle. (Also I remember ferrying a car for you from Nashville to Memphis, and eating supper with Sue in the hospital dining room. Things like that.)

My real purpose for writing this letter is not to wax sentimental but to suggest that you go home from Vietnam via Lebanon. That may sound wild but there may be some validity to it -- if the elders, for instance, would want you to stop off in Spain, Switzerland or other spots of concern to the Highland congregation.

John Allen, you certainly would be welcome here. You could stay with us (we would hope for several days) and really give you some good sightseeing or anything you would want. I would ask you to come to the Middle East Bible workshop, but it isn't scheduled until mid-April, and I'm afraid that would be stretching your trip too long. I would be interested in knowing the actual extra expense of flying home this way from Vietnam, as opposed to going directly back eastward.

Anyway I can try can't I? Nobody and I mean nobody has been to see us yet. Want to be the celebrity? Come.

Regards to all, especially Clois and Betty. (I know your trip to Vietnam will be a valuable one to you. God bless you.)

Regards.