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Dear Brian:

You're probably wondering if this old looking piece of paper is a Vietnam import, but actually it's U.S. recycled product. Speaking of Vietnam, I'm really glad the embargo is over. It was so anti-climactic - people really are indifferent because the removal of trade sanctions against Vietnam don't trickle down to the average American. I'm glad Vietnam is no longer at the center of American foreign policy. There are troubled spots such as Bosnia, Haiti and North Korea that require attention. I'm tired of Hanoi's unreasonable attitude especially when Deputy Foreign Minister Le Hai said "No nation in the world has the right to impose a trade embargo on another nation or to threaten to reimpose the embargo." Should we remind him that POWs should not be tortured or South Vietnamese should not be imprisoned at reeducation camps? There's no moral debt on the part of Washington.

I will still look for a job in Southeast Asia, hopefully with some freedom-loving company like Coca-Cola, Pepsi or Kellogg's plugging cocoa puffs. Wonder if Uncle Ho ever tasted cocoa puffs? However, I refuse to go after door-to-door products such as Amway. I hate it when someone knocks on your door on Saturday morning peddling off bad quality stuff. Girls scout cookies are bad enough; at least that's charity

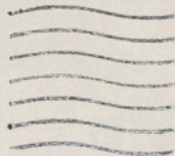
My father and I saw "Heaven and Earth." We didn't think it was bad, of course nor was it good. Oliver Stone shot most of it in Thailand because the government asked for \$1 million (U.S. that is) and the script which was unfinished at the time of the contract. I have also seen "Philadelphia" - good performances by Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington but not ~~stellar~~ stellar, therefore, no Oscar nominations.

I'm working on my master's thesis about the political economy of Vietnam and came across a book you might be interested in: President Ho Chi Minh and the Way to Lead Vietnamese Women to Equality, Freedom and Development. May be I can find out if there's a ghost writer for "Booknotes" purposes. Meanwhile, let me get back to reading ~~about~~ about twisted family values in Japan where men are expected to have mistresses.

Happy Valentine's Day

U.S. Went to a speech by Singaporean ambassador to the U.S. He thinks the US is occupied with domestic policy taking away attention from foreign affairs. He wants Washington's presence in Southeast Asia to stave off China or possibly Japan. Reasserting its imperialistic power. He can go tell Lee Kuan Yew that we might want your exports but please don't export your problems to us.

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Hi Leanne:  
Please make sure  
Brian reads this  
letter since I took  
time to write it.  
The big dog is so  
bad about reading his mail!

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