Dear Norb -

Another day is done. Not a total loss, but close. I am doing things, but it is not at all clear how much any of them are affecting the war. However, we are meeting our deadline and so I guess by definition we are coming along.

Did you get to sail again? Did you handle the boat at all? You certainly are the athletic type these days.

One of the nice things about 2001 is that the swimming pool is right here and I can get a little exercise whenever I have a few minutes.

I thought you would like the item on the Bangko concert.

Old Thomas sounds like he is doing more vacationing than research. He probably just wants to be able to drop some place-name...
In his talks with some degree of assurance he won't get trapped in a gross fabrication. The war seems to me to be going a bit better. I am as you know very encouraged by the recent shifts in attitude of the Laotian and Cambodian. I think it is ironic that Johnson is in trouble over the war just when it is beginning to turn for us. Fuel was the Indonesian thing last spring which was unquestionably related at least indirectly to our fiction here. Now the Indonesian типпер ас on the hand-wagon and now even the of Singapore is making astonishingly pro-U.S. moves.

If we can just buy enough time, maybe we will have our way here yet. Or will we? Is it reasonable to expect that we can or should have a great deal of influence here or China's doorstep?

It is still pouring down rain all the time here. I got absolutely soaked coming home tonight. It's all right with me. I don't mind the dry season. Or sure, I just felt very cold.
Enclosed is a stamp for Stuart.
Also some more slides. How's the camp? Keep up and another Vietnamese Howard Johnson.

Love,

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