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LETTERS

ESCORTS

Inspector G. Davidson:

On behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs, I would like to thank officers of the VIP Protection Branch for their efforts during the official visit to Australia by Mr Pham Binh, Director Institute of International Relations of the Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As you know, we have been recently concerned about the safety of Vietnamese visitors to Australia, including diplomats and students. We are therefore pleased that Mr Binh's visit took place without any incident. I would like to express particular appreciation to Detective Sergeant R. Heggie who accompanied Mr Binh and the Department of Foreign Affairs escort officer throughout the visit.

*I.S. Lincoln
a/g Assistant Secretary
South East Asia Branch
Department of Foreign Affairs*

Inspector George Davidson:

On behalf of Secretary (of State) Shultz and his party I wish to express our appreciation for your help in connection with the Secretary's visit to Australia. The support rendered by you, Detective Senior Sergeant Peter Holder and Senior Constable Marie Hill, along with other Australian officials and departments, was invaluable and contributed immensely to the success of the visit. Secretary Shultz and his party were extremely grateful for the warm reception they received in Australia and for the generous hospitality accorded them. The role your staff, and

other Australians, played in this visit made it not only a memorable one, but a highly successful one as well.

*David F. Lambertson
Charge d'Affaires,
Embassy of the United
States of America.*

Inspector Garry Griffiths:

...The support rendered by you, Senior Sergeant Carl Christie and the rest of your staff, was invaluable...

*David F. Lambertson
Charge d'affaires*

Chief Inspector Curtis:

I would like to convey through you our sincere thanks for the contribution made by Inspector Garry Griffiths and all other members of Traffic Branch involved in the recent visit to Canberra by the American Secretary of State Mr George Shultz.

We cannot speak too highly of the manner in which traffic and motorcade aspects of the visit were conducted. Both members of the party travelling with Mr Shultz and those at the American Embassy who were involved with the visit, commented most favourably on these aspects and both parties mentioned that the motorcades for this visit were the best they had come across anywhere in the world.

We thoroughly endorse these comments, especially in the knowledge that your members had to operate in what were particularly unpleasant weather conditions. Despite this adversity, their professional and dedicated approach is to be complimented and I would be grateful if our sincere thanks could be passed on to every one of your people involved in the visit.

*Frank Leverett
Visit Co-ordinator
Department of the Prime
Minister and Cabinet.*

