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Dr. Walter Capps  
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Dear Dr. Capps:

I am a 1971 graduate of UCSB and a Viet Nam veteran. The 3/10/85 article regarding your class reported in the L.A. Times has prompted me to write to you. The class you've founded is of major interest to me. I'm not sure if its due to a need for catharsis or simply wanting to help others understand what Nam was like for me. In any event, I would appreciate the opportunity of speaking to the class at any time you find appropriate.

I came to UCSB just a few months after leaving Viet Nam. My goal was to leave the experience behind me and get on with my life. The protests, speeches and "bank-burnings" did not allow me to totally succeed.

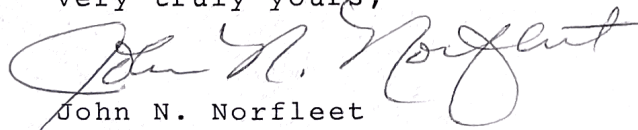
Today, I am a successful businessman but Nam is still a major part of my emotions. I certainly have not experienced any ultra-traumatic stress but, as a psychologist evaluating my management ability potential pointed out to me, a great deal of hostility remains. In fact, I'm finding my experiences in Viet Nam have affected my inter-personal relationships as well as my self-image more than I thought possible.

Dr. Capps, if you feel its possible, I would like to address the class. I would certainly be willing to provide whatever preparatory material or outline you need to evaluate my suitability or the relevance of what I have to say.

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Very truly yours,

  
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