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Dear TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As of SEPT 14, 1968, after serving in the "Garden Spot of Southeast Asia" for the past 12 months, GENERAL JUNE will be returning to the U. S. A.

This, as we are well aware, will be an anxious moment for you as it will be for him. However, we feel it is our duty, being totally responsible for his absence, to warn you of certain changes in his mannerism and behavior that are likely to make those moments more anxious than you might normally expect.

Therefore, we forward in the interest of all concerned some do's and don'ts that should be strictly observed.

1. Prepare yourself for the initial shock of that first meeting because the man in your mist may bear a striking physical resemblance to the man you waved good-bye to long ago, he will appear out of place, nervous, and prone to look at everyone with suspicion. You may if you're carrying a handbag or sack, have to empty the contents of same out onto the ground for routine inspection. Avoid crowds and if you should celebrate the homecoming with a drink or two, don't ask him if he prefers to sit at the table in the rear of the bar with his back to the wall. Also, when the waitress takes your order, it would be wise for you to do all of the talking as he may make some embarrassing comment such as "Get Lost, I don't buy you any drinks".
2. Explain to him the taxi fares are slightly higher in the States than Vietnam because when he reads the meter he may slug the driver. Don't be shocked, this is standard procedure in Vietnam. If he tells the driver "THOI" he isn't talking baby talk. Don't question him, just politely tell the driver to stop. If he says "DEE DEE", he really doesn't want to go to the bathroom, take it in stride and ask the driver if he would kindly go a little faster. If he rolls down the window and starts flapping his arm, explain to him that the taxi has turn signals.
3. For the first few weeks, or until you are sure an adjustment has been made, don't ask him to go to the store and buy hair spray for you, other items that should be left off the shopping list are, DOVE SOAP, TIDE SOAP, BLEACH, SEARCH, CIGARETTES, and HERSHEY BARS. No cosmetics at all, also you may find that on his first few trips to the store he may fumble around looking for his PX card.

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