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**Abstract**

Content Warning: Racist undertones towards Vietnamese people and culture. Form letter with a comedic tone announcing the return of the undersigned soldier from deployment in Vietnam, created circa late 1960s. The letter, which was originally typewritten and then copied for multiple people to use, describes what the returning soldier in question will need and be used to once back home in the United States.

**Creator**

Ford, Jackie

**Extent**

.01 Linear Feet 1 item

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## Historical Information

The Vietnam War, which lasted from 1954 - 1975, was a conflict between the Communist North Vietnam and U.S.-allied South Vietnam. U.S. forces assisted South Vietnam - also known as the Viet Cong - in their effort to fight against North Vietnam. The Vietnam War and its protest indelibly changed the culture of the United States, Vietnam, and the world as a whole. Millions of Vietnamese civilians and soldiers died due to the conflict, and over 58,000 U.S. soldiers died or were lost serving in it. Vietnam re-unified in 1975, ending the war.

## Scope and Content

Content Warning: Racist undertones towards Vietnamese people and culture.

Form letter with a comedic tone announcing the return of the undersigned soldier from deployment in Vietnam, created circa late 1960s. The letter, which was originally typewritten and then copied for multiple people to use, describes what the returning soldier in question will need and be used to once back home in the United States. The letter jokes about the soldier behaving as if they were still back in Vietnam or reacting poorly to his family bringing up anecdotes about his life there, such as mentioning dehydrated military food or commenting on the soldier taking a bath in a rainstorm. The letter contains racist undertones towards Vietnamese people and culture. The letter is signed by "Jackie Ford."

## Related Materials

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## Keywords

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## Bibliography

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