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Dear Clyde:

How great to hear from you after all of these years.

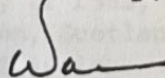
And thanks for your very thoughtful response to the segment on "60 Minutes."

We were pleased with it, and the response, from throughout the country, has been most gratifying.

It is good to be in touch again. I trust we can remain that way.

Many thanks for writing.

Sincerely,



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Dear Walter,

The mini-version of Vietnam 101, presented this evening on CBS 60 Minutes, was so moving that I could not do other than take up this paper and write.

You may not recall me, but I shall not soon forget the impact of our year together in 1978-79 under the auspices of the NEH.

Even then, the apparent distraction from the technicalities of our Seminar by your concern for the problems of Vietnam, as illustrated so well up at the old Center, gave an obvious clue towards that which your mind and heart were moving. I tried to be a careful observer and reporter on some of those sessions. Perhaps you and I came our closest in some conversations arising therefrom. It is impressive to see now the results of your efforts -- not merely as a course, nor one gaining national attention, nor merely as a role for you, but in the suggestive hint of healing which you help to bring to those veterans.

I continue to pursue matters of antiquity, especially the heresies, or rather divergent forms, of early christianity. I have been slowed a bit by an MI in February of 1985, but a subsequent sabbatical year at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, has helped me to get back to nearly a full schedule of duties.

Your work, but more especially your person, continues to suggest the strength which we came to appreciate.

With all best wishes to you and your family,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Clyde'.

Clyde Curry Smith
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