



CABLE ADDRESS
BANDSTRIPES TOKYO

APO SAN FRANCISCO 96503

3 July 1972 .

Lt. Lee W. Hauser, USNR
111-B Todd Street
Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

Dear Lt. Hauser:

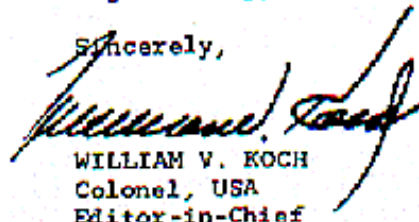
Thank you for sending me a copy of your thesis. I enjoyed reading it and will pass it to interested members of the staff.

During the period that some of the allegations of censorship of AFVN came up, I was the Chief of the News Branch at MACV and on several occasions I called AFVN's news staff to inform them of particular items of wire copy which were erroneous and should not be aired. A typical example that comes to mind was a UPI story of about 7 May 1969 which said that the 25th Infantry Division would be going home within 60 days. Needless to say, the 25th did not go home till sometime after that date. However, troop withdrawals did begin early in July.

In almost every instance that I knew of where AFVN was told not to run an item, it was because the news item was inaccurate. I can recall no instance during my tenure there, where the network was told not to run an item because it might offend host country sensitivities.

I think you've hit the nail on the head in your summary and again, I appreciate your sending me a copy of this paper.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM V. KOCH
Colonel, USA
Editor-in-Chief

PLEASE FORWARD ALL COMMUNICATIONS VIA AIR MAIL