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Richard M. Nixon President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C.

Dear President Nixon:

I stand 100% (underline one:) FOR / AGAINST your VietNam policy as explained by you on November 3, 1969, for the following reasons:

- (1) Immediate total abandonment at this time would, in effect, amount to surrender and would announce to the entire world that the United States of America was either unable or unwilling to fulfill its treaty commitments;
- (2) The importance of winning a just peace in VietNam far exceeds the necessity to appease and placate the vociferous minority of moratorium enthusiasts here at home who would rather be "red than dead", thus abrogating all that this country has ever stood for;
- (3) Although I personally feel that all of Vietnam is not worth one single American life and that even if the Communists had all of VietNam that they would in fact have nothing, the inescapable fact remains that the repulsion of Communist agression is the primary issue at stake and that freedom cannot be compromised at any price;
- and (4) If the Communist agressors are permitted to attain their goals in the conquest of VietNam and (ultimately) all of southeast Asia, what is to stop them from broadening their goals to include the entire world? If the "better red than dead" moratorium advocates have their way, even the United States of America will ultimately fall to Communist agression. And if that happens, letters like this one will not be permitted and writers like me will probably all be lined up and executed promptly.

I, for one, stand staunchly with you United for Peace in VietNam and in the world.

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