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November 14, 1969

Mr. Richard Nixon  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

I am one of the "silent" people in our Country. I have never written a letter of praise nor criticism.

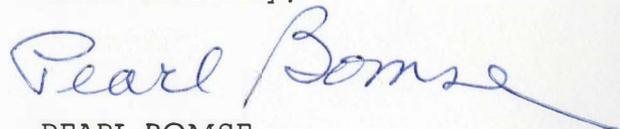
I entirely disagree with your policy in Vietnam and I had hoped that your November speech would have helped to hasten the end of the war. Yet, though I was sadly disappointed, I still remained silent.

Yesterday I listened to Mr. Agnew's speech and I can no longer be silent because by remaining silent I am giving tacit approval to your policies of "fear". To become President of these United States, a man, of necessity, must be a great man. Where is your Greatness, Mr. President, that you must scurry around so frantically to find enough people to voice their approval of you. Where is your Courage, Mr. President, that you can not stand up and be counted for your opinions without the need of a blanket of approval around you. After all, even though I thoroughly disagree with your views about the war, I am not so blinded by prejudice that I cannot recognize the depth of your sincerity.

So far you have done very little for our Country except to enhance our language by several new words and phrases such as "Vietnamizing", "History Will Show", and "Silent Majority". I remember another Leader who also added to our language. He gave us the "Ja Vote". And who among us who have lived through it and fought against it, can forget the sounds and the sights of "SIEG HEIL".

It is not too late. You have three more years to let history show that you were great enough to show no fear of the dissenting voice.

Yours Sincerely,



PEARL BOMSE