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President Nixon
White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Nixon:

One month ago I wrote a letter to you condemning your policy concerning Southeast Asia, which is widening the war. Although, you claim to be decreasing the number of American troops there, you are flailing American military might all over Southeast Asia and hence spreading more war misery to the countries of Southeast Asia.

Very simply, that war will not end till you get out of there. I say you, because most of the American people want out of that war, and even though you throw up the weak excuse of honor saving through vietnamiation, most of us folk (simple though we are) can still ethically see the superiority of saving human life over saving honor.

I also think further convictions should follow in the wake of the Calley conviction. Just because he has been the only one convicted and brought to trial, it is still no excuse to let him go. Others should be tried for such crimes, and further wars which produce intellects capable of such crimes should be stopped.

Your support of the SST is still another sign of your inability to see priorities. Mr. Meyer who headed your commission on hunger said on t.v. that between fifty and thirty million people are hungry in this country. Why in the name of decency don't we feed them instead of making worthless larger planes to ruin the ecology with? Why don't we provide better medical and financial help to the poor in the form of a guaranteed annual wage of about \$6000 for a family of four? Why don't we start converting the war time economy of this nation to a peace time economy? (Or, do you hold with the stupid and ridiculous conclusion of the Report From Iron Mountain on the Possibilities of Peace?)

Whether you wish to face it or not Mr. Nixon, people are weary with the lousy morality of this country, and the lousy way it has treated other nations of this world. Get going and do something about it, quit the onslaught of vacuous rhetoric and be a good Quaker instead of a phoney.

Even if you change, I won't vote for you. You need to atone for a lousy outlook on life.

Disgustedly Yours,

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