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Hon. Robert Dole
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Dole:

I just received this morning a portion of the congressional record, which contained a speech by the Hon. Wayne Morris; and which also included a memorandum of law prepared by the Law Committee on the American Policy in Vietnam. I never question Senator Morris' motives as it is apparent to me that he likes controversy and tries to keep something brewing all the time.

I think, however, that he and the Law Committee (whoever they are) have missed the whole point of our involvement in Vietnam. I think that, as a citizen and as a constituent, I must advise you about my feelings on this matter. It would be wonderful if the United States could rely upon treaties and an international peace organization; but where the operating of communism is made through guerilla warfare tactics used in Vietnam and sections of southeast Asia, it is apparent there is no machinery set up to police this area. Any person who believes in freedom and does not do anything cannot expect that freedom to last. I think our government has shown its willingness to negotiate settlement in Vietnam, but it should be apparent to all that all, that there was and is no means there for peacefully negotiating the constant infiltration from the north.

It is my belief that when the enemy becomes convinced that their dirty war tactics will not work, that only then can we set up some kind of peace organization machinery that will work. I strongly urge you to do everything you can to show the support of the people for our government's action in southeast Asia. I do not mean that you should overlook any incompetence or any dishonesty which penalizes the taxpayer, but the administration does need support of its policies, and I believe does need to know that the majority of the people in this country are in favor of its policies in regard to this war.

I do not suppose that a stray letter like this will sound so full of prestige as a memorandum of law from a law committee, but you can be assured that this is the way I personally feel; and I also believe the majority of the lawyers of this part of the country feel exactly the same way.

It burns me up when some darn front bunch can make such pious sounding arguments in the name of a group of lawyers or doctors or other professional groups, when their right to argument is definitely threatened. If you have read this far, I want to thank you; and I appreciate your time and courtesty in this matter.

Very truly yours,
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Dear [Redacted]

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Viet Nam*

Thanks for your letter of November 15 concerning the Memorandum of Law inserted into the Congressional Record by Senator Morse.

As you pointed out, Senator Morse has a reputation for stirring up controversy, and a review of his record in Congress quickly indicates how inconsistent he has been.

Though I do not find myself in sympathy with the Administration on certain aspects of this conflict, we are, as you indicated, fighting a deadly enemy dedicated to the complete destruction of our way of life. We Americans like to think that it is not just our military might that keeps the world from going communist - but that its presence does engender inspiration for the oppressed people of other nations, whose political systems are already infected with communism.

I am sure it is of considerable comfort to all patriotic Americans, that apparently the long-haired demonstrators, draft card burners and their like are, in reality, a very small minority and that the vast majority of our citizens, both young and old, support the position being taken in Viet Nam.

Do continue to give me the benefit of your views, and if I may ever be of assistance, do let me know.

Sincerely yours,

*Sent copy of
Veterans Day speech*

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