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Poteau, Oklahoma
29 November 1965

cc: Honorable Fred Harris
Honorable Carl Albert

Honorable Mike Monroney
U. S. Senator
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am sure you are in Oklahoma as I was working in the post office last week when you were in the office. However I want your office to hear this as a "statistic" of how some of the folks back home feel about the Viet Nam war. This is also how hundreds of others in this country feel although they might not write. We have already had several funerals of the war victims in this country.

I have never written you or Mr. Harris. I have written Mr. Albert several times in the past. It would be difficult to tell you how much he and Mr. Charlie Ward have helped us and how much we appreciate it. These have all been personal and family problems. Only once in my life have I ever written my representative suggesting what should be done on a national level. I realize I don't have the intelligence or foresight and certainly am not well enough informed to do this.

However after the American troops fought the Chinese and North Koreans across the Yalu river I wrote Senator Kerr pleading for him to do all in his power to drop the atomic bomb or whatever was necessary if they came back across. This was not done. With the exception of Pearl Harbor this was the darkest day in American modern military life. We lost hundreds

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Mr. Albert knows my grandfather helped Bill Murray write the constitution of Oklahoma. He knows we are "full blood" Democrats and how our family feels about these things.

I have a brother in the air force who volunteered and has been sent to Viet Nam (Pleiker). If anything ever happens to him I want him to have a fighting chance.

The only resentment I have to this war is that we are not using whatever weapons are necessary. I pray to God that we can stop this war. If not I ask the leaders of our country to use nuclear war heads or whatever is necessary wherever they are necessary to end it.

The American people will not take another Korea. One of the main reasons we are having so much criticism of this war is not because we are fighting it but because we are not wining it. We have weapons to do it but are not using them - and Americans are dying because of this.

China understands only one language - force.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

Pottaw, Oklahoma
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Honorable Mike Mansfield
U.S. Senator
Washington, D.C.

C.C. Honorable Earl Harris
Honorable Carl Albert

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McAlester, Oklahoma
December 3, 1965

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Poteau, Oklahoma

Dear [REDACTED]:

My Washington office has forwarded to me the copy of your recent letter addressed to Senator Monroney concerning the situation in Viet Nam.

I very much appreciate having the benefit of your views on this matter. I admire your courage and your interest in defending the principles which have made it necessary for us to act in Viet Nam and in other trouble spots around the world.

Also, I want to thank you for the kind words concerning the manner in which my office has been of help to you and your family. You may be sure that we will always do whatever we can to be of assistance if you will let us know when our help is desired.

Again, I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your letter to Senator Monroney.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

CARL ALBERT, M.C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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