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Honorable Albert Gore
Member of the Senate
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Albert:

Although you have lived in the city a great part of your adult life, there is probably enough of the country boy left in you to realize that at Christmas there are several Christmas dinners given by members of your wife's family and your own family.

After attending four or five of these and after listening to daily conversations in a "luncheon club" composed of eight or ten members of the faculty, I am strongly of the opinion that the American people are in a mood of "win the war in Viet-Nam or get out." Of course, what they really mean is win the war and not be bluffed by a fifth-rate power like China as we were bluffed for ten or fifteen years by the Russian Communists.

We believe the people want a full discussion of the war and a full disclosure of the war news, good or bad.

If Senator Fulbright were in a more powerful position, I am afraid that he would become the Neville Chamberlain of this era. I hope you do not join him.

Whatever must be done to win the war in Viet-Nam let's do it now while China is a real "paper tiger," even if it means harder times and a loss of a few votes.

The term "The Great Society" seems out of place when our young men are dying in a war.

During a discussion at lunch recently, Dr. Fowler Todd said, "Well, let's write our Congressmen." I agreed to do this. He has written to Joe; and I decided I would write to you since the Gore dormitory is just opposite my backyard, and I see the name every day.

I can assure you that this is the first letter that I have ever written to a Tennessee Senator, and I am not a "writer to the editor" type.

Sincerely yours,

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Elwin W. Midgett
Department Head