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Representative, Henry B. Gonzalez
1127 Longworth
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

You are quoted in yesterday's Express as saying President Johnson's request for additional Viet Nam funds amounts to a "back door declaration of war" and that this "is no longer foreign aid but money for Americans to use their weapons in a fight"; what better way, under the circumstances, for Americans to use their money.

To me, the most refreshing thing about the Johnson administration is the way he has handled Viet Nam, the Congo, and now, the Dominican Republic situations.

I am opposed to the hand-out foreign aid we've had in the past, but I'll go all the way for defense and assistance, such as the President requests for Viet Nam.

Sincerely

KIRBY COMPANY OF SAN ANTONIO

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Kirby Company of San Antonio
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Dear Mr. Bamberger:

Thank you for your letter of recent date regarding my statements on President Johnson's request for funds to increase our military effort.

The purpose of this request, as stated in President Johnson's message was to demonstrate the unity and determination of the United States to spare no effort in Viet Nam. The message did not say that the money was actually needed, nor specify any object other than this demonstration of support for his policy in Viet Nam. My doubts were caused by the fact that I am not entirely convinced of the wisdom of our course.

In any event, the funds were overwhelmingly approved by the Congress, and I supported them, despite my reservations.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry B. Gonzalez, M.C.