

Heavener, Oklahoma,
July 15, 1965

The Honourable Carl Albert
United States Congressman
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I know that you are interested and concerned about the attitudes and feelings of the people in your district, so I feel that you will want to know that the most of us here in this part of the country think that our involvement in Viet Nam has gone much too far, we have allowed ourselves to become mired down in a situation which is becoming more and more intolerable every day. Apparently we are fighting a war for people who do not care which side wins, for a country nobody wants, against an enemy as ruthless and barbarous as could be imagined.


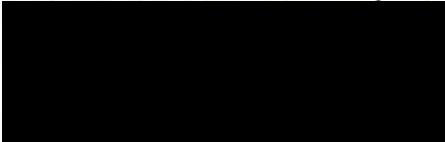
You will, I am sure, share with us the feeling that not one more American should be sacrificed for such a country and such a people, too many have already been lost and nothing gained by their loss. How do we get into such things. The very thought of fighting a war over such as these seems completely preposterous and yet, it looks like we are practically in a war, an all out war. The people who give us our information have played on this "advisor" thing, our men were being sent as "advisors". Now we have something like a hundred thousand advisors and they want to draft more and send reserves. We just must not let this go on.

I urge you to use every influence at your command to get us out of this terrible thing. What if we do lose face, or prestige, so, let it be lost. Much better, in my opinion than to persist in a cause which is not ours and never should have been made ours.

Other countries who are much closer and in much greater danger of being overrun by Communism manage to put us in the forefront, they use us to do their fighting for them and to finance them in every way imaginable; and worst of all lose our peoples lives. While they give us, at the most, lukewarm encouragement. To many of us it just doesn't make sense for our nation to allow itself to get into such a frightful and unnecessary situation. It just isn't worth the price to try to maintain our image among people who dislike us the more we do for them. It is appalling to even consider sending our soldiers for such a cause.

Please do all you can to get us out of this hopeless mess.

Yours very truly, /


Heavener, Oklahoma 74937 

July 20, 1965

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Heavener, Oklahoma

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter. I appreciated your taking the time to let me have your ideas on the situation in South Viet Nam. As you know, our foreign policy is handled on a day-to-day basis by the Administration. The Congress by and large seems to favor law key activity in Viet Nam and no escalation of the war. We are, of course, concerned about the course things seem to be taking and are anxious to have Secretary McNamara's report on his visit. I certainly will have your views in mind when the Congress hears from the Secretary and has indications of the Administration's future planning in this area.

I hope you will not hesitate to express yourself at any time on the various legislative issues which come before the Congress.

Sincerely,

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