Stillwater, Oklahoma November 14, 1965

The Honorable Carl Albert House of Representives Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Congressman:

I have been upset over the recent offers of food and blood to the Viet Cong. I feel that these acts not only damage the "American image" abroad but also can be considered as treason.

I know that the enforcement of laws concerning such acts as these are not under your jurisdiction as a legislator, but I feel laws should be made which more clearly define for our times the constitutional definition of treason. If giving food and blood to our enemy(even though this is not a time of declared war) is not "giving them aid and comfort", what is?

I would like to know your opinion on this matter and whether you feel that laws concerning such acts are feasible.

Sincerely,

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McAlester, Oklahoma November 21, 1965

Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear

Your letter of November 14 addressed to my Washington office has been forwarded to me. I have been away from Washington for the past month and have not had an opportunity to discuss the recent offers of food and blood to the Viet Cong with anyone in the Administration. Like you, I think it is a highly important question and I would like to be better informed on it.

I have asked the Department of State to furnish me a report and I will be happy to share it with you when it is received.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

CARL ALBERT, M.C. Third District, Oklahoma

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McAlester, Oklahoma November 20, 1965

The Honorable Douglas MacArthur II
Assistant Secretary of State for
Congressional Relations
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. MacArthur:

I have received the enclosed letter from a resident in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and I would greatly appreciate any information you could furnish to me with respect to the comments contained in 's letter.

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

CARL ALBERT, M.C. Third District, Oklahoma

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Enclosure

Dept of State December 14, 1965 Stillwater, Oklahoma Dear Representative Albert is taking a brief rest before the Congress re-convenes the first of the year. In the meantime, we have received the enclosed report from the Department of State on a matter which concerns you. and are transmitting it without delay. Sincerely, Verneil English Executive Secretary Enclosure Vbm

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

December 1 0.1963

Dear Congressman Albert:

Thank you for your letter of November 20 enclosing a copy of a letter from of Stillwater, Oklahoma, commenting on reports stating that certain groups in the United States are sending supplies to the Viet-Cong.

I believe you might be interested in knowing that the Treasury's Foreign Assets Control Regulations prohibit persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States from engaging in any unlicensed transaction directly or indirectly with North Viet-Nam, its people or its agents wherever located. This would include transactions with the so-called National Liberation Front. These Regulations have the effect of prohibiting Americans from the unlicensed sending of any money directly or indirectly to North Viet-Nam or to the Viet Cong. Equally, they have the effect of prohibiting any unlicensed shipment of blood or other medical supplies to those destinations.

These regulations would further prohibit such contributions being made through the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva whether such contributions were made directly to that Committee or were made indirectly through the American Red Cross or otherwise. We have brought these regulations to the attention of the International Committee of the Red Cross and it has informed us that it plans in the future to refer to the American Red Cross all inquiries from U.S. citizens relating to any proposed shipment to North Viet-Nam or to the National Liberation Front. The American Red Cross has stated that it does not intend to assist in the illegal transmission of such contributions.

At present we do not know that any U.S. organization has actually shipped illegally medical supplies or money to the National Liberation Front. We also understand that no group has yet requested the appropriate U.S. authorization to send such contributions. If any

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group should request the necessary authorization, the United States Government would naturally consider each request upon its own merits.

If I may be of any further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas MacArthur II Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations

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