

Mr. and Mrs. Voter —

Do you agree with this letter to the President? If you do, please sign and mail it to the White House; or write one of your own.

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

Dear Mr. President:

I am planning to vote for you in November because I trust you would better avoid nuclear recklessness than Mr. Goldwater. I agree with you that nuclear weapons should remain in civilian control, rather than turned over to the military, as advocated by your opponent.

However, our continued involvement in South Vietnam's Civil War and our recent bombing of North Vietnam's mainland threaten to spread the war. Despite your stated intent to use "wisdom and restraint", it can lead to a clash with China. This, as Senator Wayne Morse (Oregon) has pointed out, would mean a NUCLEAR WAR - and I agree with him that "out of that war will come no victor".

I find it hard to believe that the United States or its powerful Navy and Airforce were seriously threatened in the Bay of Tonkin by several small gun-boats (which left no sign of damage). Was it perhaps to "prove" to the "peace-through-brinkmanship" crowd that you can be as "tough" as Barry, and thus gain their votes, that you made that decision to bomb North Vietnam? Was this not making our foreign policy the tool of political expedience? And was not the destruction of life which resulted from these actions un-necessarily wasteful?

In his recent visit to Los Angeles, Senator Morse stated: "Everything that Barry Goldwater has said about Asia indicates that he believes in bombing first and talking later." It is because I think this is the road to oblivion that I intend to vote for you. However, I urge you to turn away from such policies as advocated by Goldwater. There is still time for you to demonstrate that my faith in you as the better candidate to keep world peace is well-founded. This can be shown by your calling A CEASE-FIRE in VIETNAM, and by your taking the entire Southeast Asian problem to the Conference Table, as has been urged by many distinguished legislators* and citizens, as well as Secretary General U Thant. I agree with Senator Morse that our unilateral action in Vietnam is OUTSIDE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

As a voter, I look to you to show by your actions that you are against the further slaughter of American boys in defense of "peace and freedom" in a land where neither exist. Let them settle their own strife and let them have free elections (which has been denied them by the puppet rulers we have supported). Show me that you have the courage to put an end to this daily waste of one and one-half millions of our tax dollars, and that you know how to put the money to better use for our own domestic needs (fighting poverty, job training and placement, reconversion of military industries to production for peacetime needs).

Do this, Mr. President, and I will not only give you my vote, but PLEDGE TO WORK FOR YOUR RE-ELECTION.

Respectfully yours,

Name: _____

Address; _____

* Senators: Aiken, Bartlett, Cooper, Ellender, Gruening, Johnston, Mansfield, Morse, Proxmire, Nelson, Church; Congressmen: Ryan, Farbstein, Burton, Siler

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