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Dear:

Our objective in Viet Nam was established in 1954 when pledges were made and we have not retreated from those pledges. How they shall be consummated is a matter of method in performance which is in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief.

Whether we agree or disagree with the course of action he pursues, it has been our position that we want to be heard and to make what suggestions and alternatives we may have in mind; but the ultimate decision is his and when it is made we expect to support it in the interest of our security, our country and our responsibility to the cause of freedom.

I do appreciate receiving your views and assure you that no other issue is receiving more constant attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen