

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Westy:

I am grateful for your thoughtful telegram. The pride and strength I found among you at Cam Ranh Bay provides a bright and hopeful gateway to the New Year.

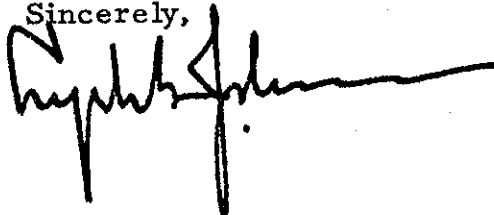
May it be a year of continued achievement for you, your senior commanders and the magnificent forces you have shaped to serve freedom's cause.

It was a privilege for me to bring you all this nation's heartfelt pride and gratitude. I only wish that I could have pinned a medal to every tunic, as a token of the honor millions pay you in a thousand hopes and prayers each day.

We know you will bring us peace, no matter what the personal cost. And you know that all your partners in this government will match your perseverance and courage, hour by hour, effort by effort, seeking the solution that will bring all our gallant sons home.

God bless and keep you all until that day.

Sincerely,



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