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Mr. President:

Herewith my letter to
Bill Moyers, as you requested.

W. W. Rostow

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September 15, 1967

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter of September 11. It clearly defines our central problem.

I have never seen our military and civilians -- here and in Saigon -- more confident that we are on a winning track; nor has there been more solid evidence that the stake is the shape of all of Asia, and that Asia is gradually shaping up. This includes not only men like Westy and the others engaged in the battle, but Bunker and Locke, Nick Katzenbach and Bill Bundy.

Somehow -- as you pointedly suggest -- we have to find the ways to make this clear.

In this effort you should know, Bill, how greatly the President appreciates your development of the fine forum you now command; your lucidity and eloquence; the wisdom with which you have brought to bear your remarkable experience of government.

In short, it is more comfort than even you can guess to have a friend out there.

Yours,

Walt

W. W. Rostow

P.S. I thought you might like to have a printed copy of my Leeds speech.

Honorable Bill Moyers
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