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MEMO FOR THE PRESIDENT

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Mr. President:

You may wish to send the attached letter  
of sympathy to Mrs. Hertz, widow of the AID  
man who died in Viet Cong captivity.

W. W. Rostow

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Dear Mrs. Hertz:

I am deeply grieved at the report of your husband's death while a captive of the Viet Cong. He died a hero, as surely as any soldier in the front lines. And he was in the front lines -- of our long-continuing struggle to make this world a better place.

He was a man of courage, a brave man, a man who served others. He was in Viet-Nam to help the people, and for this he was kidnapped by the Viet Cong, and held illegally through the long years, only to die, tragically, still unjustly held by his captors.

You and your children can always be proud of a man who made the ultimate sacrifice as he sought to help improve the lives of others.

Mrs. Johnson and I extend our heartfelt sympathy -- a sympathy that is shared by a grateful nation.

Sincerely

*Lyndon B. Johnson*

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