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MR. PRESIDENT:

Dick Bolling called me with the following message, after emphasizing that he is absolutely firm in his support of you on Vietnam.

He fears that we are getting into a position on Vietnam that appears rigid. He noted that some of Rockefeller's men were leaking -- before he withdrew from the primaries -- that Rockefeller would approach the Vietnam issue in terms of "an Asian settlement." He thinks there is some merit in this idea even though it does not change our diplomatic position on Vietnam itself.

I said the suggestion was relevant and helpful, and I would pass it along.

W. W. Rostow

cc: Harry McPherson