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Mr. President:

Herewith Clark Clifford's warm note
to Westy.

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON

March 29, 1968

General William C. Westmoreland
COMUSMACV
Saigon, South Vietnam

Dear Westy:

I want to add my personal note of congratulations to the avalanche of best wishes you must be receiving from your friends and your legions of admirers, both American and Allied, over your appointment to the highest position in the United States Army. No man has earned that honor more fully.

You have served with tireless dedication, flawless integrity, and total selflessness in a continuously trying situation. The nation is deeply in your debt. But in a very real sense, your achievements in the complex and thorny tasks which confront us in Southeast Asia are beyond recompense.

It is comforting to know that soon I, and all of those concerned with national security problems will have even closer at hand the benefit of your experience and judgment over the spectrum of military problems that confront us. We are looking forward, too, to the additional bonus that everyone receives who works with you: that happy combination of high morale and driving spirit that has become symbolical of your command.

With high admiration, and warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Clark M. Clifford
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