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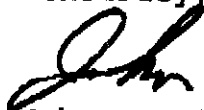
Dear Colleague:

I thought you would be interested in the attached statement by Allen F. "Gunner" Kent, Commander in Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In a June 15, 1995 press release, Kent announced that the VFW would no longer oppose the normalization of United States relations with Vietnam.

"The VFW's priority goal is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of our MIAs in Southeast Asia. Based on assessments by or officials who have closely monitored this issue and the mandates of the VFW, we are of the opinion that if normalizing relations with Vietnam furthers the process toward the fullest possible accounting then we would support this decision."

The 2.1 million member VFW includes over 600,000 veterans from the Vietnam War.

Sincerely,



John McCain
United States Senator