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Mr. Harvey Gutman  
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Dear Harvey,

Many thanks for your good letter of April 9. Please scold your secretary for not attaching a note to the letter, even though she has received less than adequate correspondence from me. Mary McCarthy's article is one of the less objective pieces of journalism and one of the more replete with factual errors than many we have seen around here of late. About most things, it seems that people start out with certain feelings and then look for evidence to support the feelings. In her case, even the evidence is erroneous in large measure.

Your advice on the next step after Saigon is well taken. I will steer very clear of the FSI Economics cram course. I don't know who really passes on plans that I might make, and suppose that I won't find out until I get back to the States. On the way, I hope to spend at least a month in India, Europe and Tunisia and will solicit your invaluable advice in person.

I do not see the French daily press and would be very glad to receive any really thoughtful articles such as those as sometimes appear in Le Monde. I was never able to keep Barbara busy and motivated enough in that odd setup in Tunis and trust you have changed all that. Do tell her to type me out a quick letter if she ever has an idle moment in the office. I will keep in touch with you both and see you in January 1968 in any case.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Ogden Williams