

FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE

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Mr. Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Professor Kissinger:

We are simply delighted that you will be able to address a graduating class of our students. At a time of de-escalation and Vietnamization of the war, we feel that the role of the "advisor" can be more important than ever. Some of our students do need moral support in their decision to go to Viet-Nam at this time, and your presence will add immeasurably to our efforts in this area.

The next two open graduation dates will come on September 26 and November 7. The first date has, for me, the sole drawback that I am scheduled to be in Viet-Nam on an updating trip at that time and would therefore personally miss the chance to meet with you again and discuss some fundamental problems with which this School is concerned. In all other respects either date would be equally favorable from our standpoint. In anticipation of your visit, and should it be consistent with your own schedule and wishes, I would be delighted to fill you in on the School and the context in which you would be speaking, and also mention certain problems of a broader nature which affect us. For such purposes, I am, of course, entirely at your disposal at any time.

May I again state how delighted we are at the prospect of your visit.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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