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I feel badly about not being



more helpful to you, Ed. It's
been one thing after another here.
Barbora's mother had a successful
operation and is now convalescing
okay, but I now have serious
financial problems with the business
because of a lack of credit.

I would like to know how
long you will be staying as I
may have to go to Manila
around the middle of May; and
would like to hop over to see
you on an unofficial basis.

The only other news of note
is that I got a telegram from
The United Democrats for Humphrey
inviting me to a launching luncheon
this Saturday which I decided
to attend even though I am not
a Democrat. Maybe HHH can
inspire the mutual trust and
confidence which is presently
lacking. I like Nixon for what
I think he would do abroad but
I'm afraid he would have great
difficulty in uniting the country.
It looks as though we are in for
several years of stormy going,
and I am not sure anyone presently
on the scene can give us the needed
leadership.

I presume that to a large



extent it is more or the same out
there, but Bob breathed some
optimism and I see some signs
that the Vietnamese are beginning
to pull together and make their
own way. I hope for their sake
and ours that it is so.

My best to Dave, Cal, Charlie
and Reggie. Hope I can sneak
in to say hello before you're gone.

As ever,

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