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Dear Bus:

Many thanks for your note of 9 May. It was good to hear from you.

Rest assured that we have looked at your suggestion and other similar ideas in considerable detail and we are prepared to implement them if the military and political aspects, both domestic and foreign, are right. We do have some of the best brains in JCS, OSD and NSC staff watching the entire situation very closely, not to mention all intelligence agencies. I can only add that the next time we get together for a visit, I'll fill you in more completely. In the meantime, have faith and don't hesitate to drop a line again if you are in the mood.

Other than the war in Vietnam, things are rocking along at a normal Pentagon pace. I hope to get out of here sometime in the near future.

Again, thanks for your note. Warm regards.

Most sincerely,

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