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John William Taylor, M.D.

Dear Doctor Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of February 10 expressing your concern over the United States involvement in South Vietnam.

I, too, deplore the tragic killing and the senseless destruction which continues in Indochina. For that reason, I recently stated in a speech on the floor of the Senate that any future requests for aid to that area should receive close and careful scrutiny. It seems to me that we must focus our efforts in Indochina not on a continuation of the armed conflict but on promoting a political settlement between the contending factions in both Vietnam and Cambodia. I have urged that high level attention be given to the basic issues left unresolved in the Paris accords and I have suggested that every effort be made to obtain a mutual reduction in arms shipments by all outside powers to all the contending Indochinese factions.

You may be confident in my continued interest in this question and efforts to bring the United States' involvement in Indochina to a close.

It was kind of you to take the time to share your views with me.

Sincerely,


John Sparkman
Chairman