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Dr. John V. Taylor


Dear Dr. Taylor:

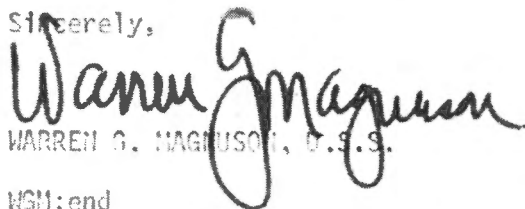
Thank you for sharing with me your views concerning American support for the Government of South Vietnam.

During the last session, the 93rd Congress acted to cut in half the amount of funds requested to be allocated for military purposes in Indochina. For the current fiscal year, the Administration requested \$1.4 billion in military assistance to Vietnam, but Congress appropriated only \$700 million. As a ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I voted in support of that reduction.

I believe the new Congress will strongly resist any Presidential request to supplement the funds already appropriated for Vietnam. Specifically, I shall oppose efforts to pump \$300 million more in military aid into that unfortunate country, as requested by President Ford. I believe we should move away from support of war in Vietnam, not provide more fuel for it.

I appreciate knowing that we share the same views on this critical issue.

Sincerely,


WARREN G. MAGNUSON, U.S.S.

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