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Dear Bud:

The enclosed letter and attachment from Professor W. W. Rostow raise an interesting point. Namely, it might be healing and helpful to this country if a private organization honored Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore on the occasion of his retirement from office. Prime Minister Yew could be brought to the United States and allowed to speak his mind on the subject of the Vietnam War and its positive impact on other Southeastern Asian countries.

I am writing to you to ask if you know of such a private organization that would enjoy undertaking this worthwhile project. I would love to know what you think.

Most sincerely,

Max Cleland

MC:js

Enclosure

P.S. loved seeing you in Washington!

*To George
George
Do any juices flow
water you need the
Cowan & response
Bud 2*



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Dear Max:

As you suggested, here is the idea about which I talked on the phone this morning.

Some group in the United States should invite Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore to come to the United States on a visit preceding his already announced retirement from office. In the course of his visit he should speak at, say, the National Press Club. He should say (in the course of a speech on the future of the Pacific Basin) what he has often said to me and others; namely, that the U.S. military effort from 1965 to 1975 bought invaluable time for Southeast Asia to find its feet. (See enclosures.)

He might also go to the Vietnam Memorial, lay a wreath, and briefly repeat his central theme.

As I said to you, I do not believe the war was properly fought; but I'm confident that it was not fought in vain. This is certainly the view of many Asian, Australian, and New Zealand leaders. And those who lost men close to them and those who otherwise suffered should be aware of this.

Yours,

Walt

W. W. Rostow

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