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Dear Jim:

Heartiest congratulations on another great triennial meeting.

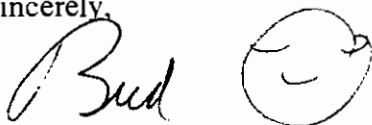
When I sat next to Congressman Johnson, I mentioned to him our thought of creating a national council with our hope that we could get the Vietnam War veterans in Congress to serve. He was very interested and seemed perfectly willing to serve. I attach my best record of who the veterans are, but you will probably want to check it against your records. Please let me know if you would like me to sign the letters.

I think with regard to the international council that we ought first to recruit the congressional members to be on a national council and then I can consult by letter to them seeing if any of them have any objection to making it international. There may be one or two who would not want to have an association with membership from Vietnam. Alternatively, if you do not like that idea, in my letters inviting congressional Vietnam veterans to join, I should advise them of our plans to broaden to an international council so they would have that in mind in deciding whether or not to accept.

I like the idea of council scholars.

Keep up the great work. All best wishes to you and Middy.

Sincerely,



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