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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I SUPPORT YOUR DECISION TO HALT THE BOMBINGS ON NORTH VIETNAM SO
THAT PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED IN VIETNAM THANK YOU

LINDA SALZMAN 9 ATHENS ST CAMBRIDGE MASS.

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"The President wishes to thank you for your support of his views."

Sincerely,



Carl Sagan

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February 26, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

During the past few weeks there has been a great deal of discussion on the possible use of tactical nuclear weapons in Southeast Asia. I wish to register my approval that such weapons have not been used, and I wish to indicate my deepest hope that such weapons not be used in the Vietnamese conflict. Nuclear weapons have been used against human populations only twice in the history of mankind: both times by the United States, both times against Asian peoples. If we use such weapons again we are open to valid charges of racism and a barbaric lack of concern for human life. In addition, there is a continuous spectrum in the yields of nuclear weapons; the introduction of low-yield tactical nuclear weapons can lead through only a few escalation steps to the use of strategic nuclear weapons and global nuclear holocaust. Neither morality, nor politics, nor the long-term national interest can be served by using nuclear weapons in Vietnam. It also may be time to begin thinking of whether the United States should not have some other interests besides its own parochial ones, whether we do not have some larger responsibility to the whole of mankind.

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