

APRIL 17, 1972

MEMORANDUM

FOR: SENATOR

FROM: DAN S.

SUBJECT: YOUR BOMBING STATEMENT AND UPCOMING APPEARANCE

THE STATEMENT WE ISSUED YESTERDAY WAS NOT PICKED UP IN ANY OF THE MAJOR NEWSPAPERS OR ON NETWORK TV.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WILL BE TV COVERAGE AT THE HERREW HOME YOU ARE ABOUT TO VISIT. THE AUDIENCE HERE WILL BE COMPOSED MOSTLY OF JEWISH WOMEN.

THIS IS AN IDEAL SPOT TO TALK ABOUT THE ELDERLY AND THE PROBLEMS THEY FACE AND THEN LEAD INTO THE ATTACHED STATEMENT ON THE BOMBING SO THAT IT CAN

BE PICKED UP BY MAJOR NEWSPAPERS AND TV. YOU CAN LEAD INTO THE BOMBING

REMARKS BY SAYING THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEMS

OF OUR ELDERLY CITIZENS AND DEFEND THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE PROBLEMS THEY

FACE UNTIL WE END THE WAR IN VIETNAM. AND THE PRESIDENT'S ESCALATION OF

THE WAR THROUGH BOMBING OF THE NORTH IS A SERIOUS BACKLASH TOWARD FINDING

PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE WAR IS NOT "OUR ISSUE." BUT I DON'T THINK YOU CAN

AFFORD TO BE OUTPACED ON THIS ISSUE BY MUSKIE OR MCGOVERN AT THE PRESENT

TIME.

I TALKED TO MAX AND HE IS IN AGREEMENT ON THIS STRATEGY.

I URGE PRESIDENT NIXON TO HALT OUR  
BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM. THE BOMBING OF HANOI AND  
HAIPHONG IS A DANGEROUS AND AN ALARMING ESCALATION OF  
THE WAR.

THE BOMBING OF THE NORTH IGNORES ALL WE HAVE LEARNED  
IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THE BOMBING IS A GIANT STEP  
BACKWARD TO BEFORE 1968 WHEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON HALTED  
THE BOMBING BECAUSE IT HAD PROVEN TO BE NOT ONLY INEFFECTIVE  
BUT INHUMANE.

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT TODAY AMERICANS ARE STILL DYING  
IN VIETNAM, THAT AMERICAN PLANES ARE BOMBING IN THE NORTH  
AND THAT THE WAR IS BEING ESCALATED BY THE MAN WHO STOOD

BEFORE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND PROMISED US THAT HE HAD  
A SECRET PLAN TO END THE WAR, AND IF ELECTED HE WOULD  
WITHDRAW AMERICANS AND END OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS TRAGEDY?

CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS?

IT SEEMS INCREDIBLE THAT ONCE AGAIN WE ARE ON THE ROAD  
TO ESCALATION OF THE WAR. AND THIS TIME THE PRESIDENT  
HAS NOT EVEN TAKEN HIS CASE PUBLICLY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THE BOMBING WILL NOT BREAK THE WILL OF THE NORTH  
VIETNAMESE.

I CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT TO COME FORTH AND PERSONALLY  
EXPLAIN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHY HE HAS ESCALATED THE WAR

AND WHY HE BELIEVES THAT BOMBING WILL BREAK THE WILL OF  
THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN 1972 WHEN IT WAS NOT ABLE TO DO SO  
IN THE PAST.

MR. PRESIDENT, HOW WILL THE BOMBING BRING THE NORTH  
VIETNAMESE TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE ON OUR TERMS?

MR. PRESIDENT, HOW WILL THE BOMBING HASTEN THE RETURN  
OF AMERICAN POW'S?

MR. PRESIDENT, HOW WILL THE BOMBING HALT THE SLAUGHTER  
OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH?

MR. PRESIDENT, HOW WILL THE BOMBING BRING US ANY CLOSER  
TO PEACE IN ASIA?

MR. PRESIDENT, WHY CAN'T YOU LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES  
OF THE PAST?

WHAT CAN THE PRESIDENT DO?

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PRESIDENT NIXON SHOULD CALL FOR AN EMERGENCY SESSION  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH NOW INCLUDES THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

WE CAN PLEDGE THAT OUR ARMED FORCES WILL BE WITHDRAWN  
WITHIN A CERTAIN DATE AND THAT ALL WE ASK IN RETURN IS THE  
SAFE WITHDRAWAL OF OUR TROOPS, THE RELEASE OF AMERICAN  
POW'S AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE MISSING IN ACTION.



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