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This war has brought no heroes but only victims. Therefore let us not be vindictive toward one group to assuage the suffering of others. While we are making peace with our enemies, let us be reconciled among ourselves.

We may be brought together again only if redress is provided for those who had to face jail or exile for their convictions. Let all those who are convicted be set free and all those facing prosecution or who might be prosecuted be immunized from further jeopardy and all records wiped clean. For all deserters, draft violators, and those accused of civilian acts of resistance let there be a new beginning.

Let us amnesty also all those who, because of the war, were brought into extenuating circumstances in which they breached civilian or military regulations or were denied the full protections of due process. For the half million veterans who are now being punished for life by other-than-honorable discharges, let their records be corrected to make them eligible for benefits that would facilitate a more hopeful future.

Religious tradition teaches that "you should not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason with your neighbor, lest you bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudges against the sons of your own people . . ."

We cannot restore to life our dead soldiers, nor undo the hurts and wounds of others. We cannot undo the devastation of the lands and people of Indochina. We can repent and work for post-war healing. An unconditional amnesty would free us for a responsible and serious effort to rebuild our divided people.

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Dear Miss Rovere:

Thank you for your comments in regard to the President's clemency program. Your thoughts, together with those of many other citizens, have contributed to the understanding and knowledge of the full spectrum of American opinion sought by the President.

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