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Dear Harold,

I appreciate your letter of the 29th of October. If one merely substitutes for your basic premise the premise, say, of the holiness of anti-communism, then you have provided any friend of Henry Wade with a complete argument in defense of his handling of the Oswald case. Or, in terms of foreign policy, a triumphant vindication of Dean Rusk's justification of Vietnam.

Since "we" are in Vietnam to protect the free world against communism, it is only a fulfillment of supreme duty when we napalm a child, torture a peasant, and destroy his country and his people. And we are entitled to say, even as we soak the soil in the blood of innocent and good people, and send endless waves of bombers to destroy their cities, that it is we who want peace, complete peace, and nothing but peace.

It seems that what is at issue is an all-purpose doctrine, one that "they" can invoke in self-justification by the simple expedient of calling themselves "we." The end product is neither "we" nor "they" but whew, in which I do not choose to enlist.

Two years ago, a Warren Commission lawyer condescended to talk to me on the phone, though not for attribution. When I confronted him with a falsehood in the Warren Report which he could not deny, explain, or justify, his response was, in effect, to call me a moral prig---he said that I was "intolerant." I remain undismayed by his epithet, and yours.

Sincerely,



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