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Dear Friend:

You were good enough to take the trouble to answer my questionnaire, and so I thought I would get to you an analysis of the replies.

Of the 205,000 forms distributed (not printed at Government expense), some 12,500 replies were received.

You may already have seen the newspaper coverage on the answers to the question of Puerto Rico. Because of the then pressing interest, we completed the count shortly before the actual plebiscite of Sunday, July 23rd, and our 17th District results were featured by Tom Wicker in his New York Times article on Thursday, July 20th. The interesting feature on that question was that 11% wrote in (not an easy task) the words, "whatever the people of Puerto Rico want." Our full results are in question 13 below. Of course, you know that in Puerto Rico, commonwealth status won a substantial majority over statehood with independence receiving a very negligible vote.

The Vietnam situation was labeled our "Most Serious National Problem," and was the only question answered by all who responded. These figures make it clear that the overwhelming majority opposes the Administration's course of action, and that a majority, if one combines those who want to withdraw and those who want to cease bombing, is for de-escalating. This is buttressed by the response to question 9(b) on how to handle the deficit. Discussions with my Colleagues from around the country show that their findings agree with ours on dissatisfaction with the present Vietnam posture, but they report majority sentiment for full and final military action.

The results follow. I would appreciate your comments, and I hope you had a pleasant summer.

Cordially,



Theodore R. Kupferman, M.C.

		% Yes	% No	% No Response
DRAFT				
*Changes were made. Copies on request.	* 1. Do you favor retaining the draft law in its present form?	28	62	10
VIETNAM	2. What would you do about the war in Vietnam? (Select one)			
	(a) Withdraw from Vietnam as soon as possible	33%		
	(b) Cease bombing North Vietnam unconditionally	23%		
	(c) Continue our present course	12%		
	(d) Take whatever military action that may be necessary to achieve victory	32%		
DEFENSE	3. Do you think Congress should approve substantial funds for the development of an anti-missile defense system?	43	43	14
WARREN COMMISSION	4. Do you favor additional investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy?	38	53	9
CIVIL RIGHTS	5. Do you favor a complete ban on wire-tapping and eavesdropping?	26	62	12
	If "no," do you favor a ban with exceptions for:			
	(a) National Security matters	52	9	
	(b) Other major crimes	40	12	
*Such legislation passed the House.	6. Do you favor Federal:			
	* (a) Anti-riot legislation	52	29	19
	(b) Legislation to protect civil rights workers	52	26	22
	(c) Legislation desegregating juries	59	18	23
	(d) Legislation outlawing racial discrimination in the sale or rental of housing	50	31	19
	(e) Legislation to control the sale of guns	72	14	14
SOCIAL SECURITY	7. Do you favor:			
*The House passed a 12% raise.	(a) Tying Social Security payments to a cost-of-living index	65	16	19
	* (b) Raising minimum Social Security payments by 20%	38	35	27
	(c) Eliminating restrictions on the amount of income people between the ages of 65 and 72 may earn without losing any Social Security benefits	66	19	15
	(d) Extending Medicare coverage to seriously disabled persons under 65 years of age	64	20	16
	8. Do you favor raising money to pay for increased Social Security payments through general revenues, rather than through Social Security deductions?	36	45	19
BUDGET AND TAXATION	9. To offset the Federal budget deficit, do you favor: (Select one)			
*The President has since asked that this be 10%.	* (a) The President's proposal of a 6% surcharge on income tax	14%		
	(b) Reduction in war expenditures	46%		
	(c) Cut back in domestic programs	40%		
SCHOOL PRAYER	10. Do you favor a Constitutional amendment to permit prayers in public schools?	41	52	7
VOTING AGE	11. Do you favor lowering the voting age from 21 to 18 years?	40	53	7
ADAM CLAYTON POWELL	12. Do you approve of the way the House of Representatives handled the case of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell?	47	44	9
PUERTO RICO	13. Do you favor for Puerto Rico: (Select one)			
*Note: Write-in 11% mentioned above.	(a) Statehood	29%		
	(b) Commonwealth Status	23%		
	(c) Independence	30%		
	*	11%		



To Sylvia:

Thought you would be interested in the
attached.

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