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April 21, 1972

H. Weisberg
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Dear Fellow American:

Because you are an opinion leader in Frederick you have been nominated to serve on the National Voter Advisory Board of the American Security Council and also to participate in our election year National Security Issues Poll.

This is, of course, subject to your acceptance.

To insure accurate poll tabulation, I have assigned an identification code to each prospective Board member. Your code, H. Weisberg, is 950.

We want to release the results of this poll to President Nixon, the Congress and the national press in a few weeks so please return your questionnaire today.

There are several voting indexes, but no one else puts out a National Security voting index. The ASC, with 17 years experience and a highly respected staff of internal security and foreign affairs experts, is uniquely qualified to prepare such an index.

For example, our staffers are not only expert on strategic military affairs but are also very knowledgeable on the various forces at work internally to destroy our country - the Communist Party, the Black Panthers, the Weathermen, etc.

Because of the ASC's reputation for sound research and accuracy, all previous ASC studies have received nationwide publicity in newspapers, magazines, radio and TV. We can expect the same on this.

We will carefully analyze the actual national security voting record of each Member of Congress and compare it with how you and other opinion leaders vote on this poll.

We will then compile a National Security Issues Index based on their actual voting records compared to your vote in this poll.

Many voters are not aware of how some Members of Congress such as Kennedy, McGovern, Muskie, Chisholm and McCloskey have taken positions on national security matters which weaken America's defense against Communism. For example, they all oppose President Nixon on both defense expenditures and Vietnam.

Key people in both the Republican and Democratic parties have told me that a well-publicized non-partisan National Security Issues Index would be very influential in the 1972 conventions and elections.

If so, the report must be completed by July 3. We can then have it printed by July 10, and it can be mailed and in the hands of convention delegates, campaign workers, and officials of both wings of both parties by the week of July 17.

But, it will take a minimum of 655 hours of research to compile all of the information. The cost will be at least \$68,000 and this includes researchers, printing, distribution and publicity for the Index.

This crucial project is beyond our present budget so we'll need your help and the help of many other concerned Americans to make this a success.

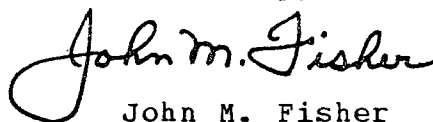
As you know, some of the questions in this poll cover issues being hotly contested in Congress right now.

We need your vote and your support. Let Members of Congress know where you stand and find out where they stand. The more Members represented on our Voter Advisory Board, the more influence it will have.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to me as soon as possible. We ask each Member of the Voter Advisory Board to contribute a minimum of \$10.00 to cover administration of his membership. But, if you can give more toward making the poll a success, please do so.

If you will do as much as you can, I promise you I will do all that is humanly possible to make the 1972 National Security Issues Index a huge success.

Sincerely,


John M. Fisher

JMF/lgp

P. S. We believe that most Americans support a strong national defense against Communist aggression, but we can't prove it without your cooperation in this poll.

P. P. S. I've enclosed a postage paid air mail reply envelope because we need your vote as soon as possible.

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NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES POLL — 1972

Please check the one box which most nearly represents your position on each of the following 10 issues.

1. Here is a list of some areas of activity of the Federal Government. Which do you personally consider to be of greatest importance -- that is, deserving the highest priority?

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 SPACE EXPLORATION | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 FOREIGN AID |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 FARM SUPPORT PROGRAMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 HIGHWAY BUILDING | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 AID TO EDUCATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 NATIONAL DEFENSE | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 ANTI-CRIME PROGRAMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 AIR & WATER POLLUTION CONTROL | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 LOW INCOME HOUSING |

2. Do you believe that the United States should have a policy of military superiority over Russia?

- 1 YES
 2 NO

3. Do you feel strongly or not very strongly about that?

- 1 STRONGLY
 2 NOT VERY STRONGLY

4. If a candidate for political office strongly favored a policy of military superiority over Russia, would you be more likely to vote for him, less likely, or wouldn't it make any difference?

- 1 MORE LIKELY
 2 LESS LIKELY
 3 NO DIFFERENCE

5. As you understand the situation, which of these statements best describes the United States' overall military strength compared to Russia?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 THE U. S. HAS A BIG LEAD | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 RUSSIA HAS A SMALL LEAD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 THE U. S. HAS A SMALL LEAD | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 RUSSIA HAS A BIG LEAD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 THE U. S. AND RUSSIA ARE ABOUT EVEN | |

6. Which of these statements best describes the United States' missile strength compared to Russia's?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 THE U. S. HAS A BIG LEAD | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 RUSSIA HAS A SMALL LEAD |
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7. Let's assume for a moment that we learned that Russia had gained military superiority over the United States and that it would cost \$20 billion a year more for the U. S. to regain superiority. Would you favor or oppose spending the \$20 billion?

- 1 FAVOR
 2 OPPOSE

(over please)

8. If you answered "oppose" on Question 7, how much would you be willing to spend?

- 1 \$2 BILLION OR LESS
- 2 \$3 - 5 BILLION
- 3 \$6 - 10 BILLION
- 4 \$11 - 19 BILLION

- 5 MORE THAN \$20 BILLION
- 6 WHATEVER IT TAKES
- 7 NOTHING

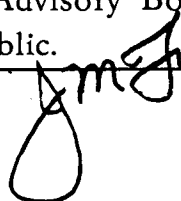
9. Do you believe that Communists or other revolutionaries should be permitted to hold positions in defense facilities?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO

10. Do you believe that Communists or other revolutionaries should be permitted to teach in tax-supported educational institutions?

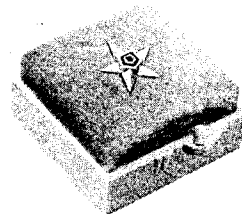
- 1 YES
- 2 NO

This poll will be released to the national news media, but I will send members of the Voter Advisory Board an advance copy of the results before its release to the public.



NATIONAL VOTER ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER*

Dear Mr. Fisher:



BOARD MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTE \$15 OR MORE WILL RECEIVE THIS SOLID STERLING SILVER AMERICAN SECURITY INSIGNIA.

Yes! I accept your invitation to serve on ASC's National Voter Advisory Board and participate in the 1972 National Security Issues Poll. Enclosed is my \$10 to cover the cost of administering my membership on the Advisory Board. This includes \$5 to cover the direct annual cost of the **ASC Washington Report** newsletter to keep me up to date on important Poll developments.

I wish to do more than the above to help in preparing and distributing the poll results to the news media and to campaign workers. I have circled the amount, which includes my \$10 for cost of membership administration.

Please Make Check Payable to: **ASC Issues Index**

\$50 \$25 \$15 \$10
 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 (Circle One)

National Voter Advisory Board* _____ (signature)

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Is your name and address correct on our records?

Code Number: 950