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No one can predict today how militaristic the next administration will be. Only one course remains open to those disenfranchised at their party's convention who remain anxious to exert restraint upon any Executive. This course is to retain in the Senate the leadership of men like William Fulbright, Chairman of the Senate's most influential committee, the bipartisan Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

It is essential that Senator Fulbright retain this vital position in order to insure for all of us his continuing and effective articulation of reasoned opposition to the war and to a dangerous, outmoded foreign policy.

Long before the events of this year precipitated the withdrawal of President Johnson and the beginning of "peace talks" in Paris, Senator Fulbright used his Committee platform to mobilize the opposition to the Administration's Vietnam policy. It is particularly ironic, therefore, that because Senator Fulbright served in the Senate during the Johnson Administration, he could be swept out of office in a tide of defeat spurred by those seeking to repudiate the powers responsible for the present Vietnam impasse.

As you may know, Senator Fulbright's opponent, Charles Bernard, a Reagan-endorsed candidate, is flooding Arkansas with literature calling Senator Fulbright a "dangerous man" financed by "far-left groups". Bernard's campaign committee equates Senator Fulbright's legitimate questioning of foreign policy with communist sympathy. Supporters of the Bernard campaign have provided financing in order to saturate the entire state with this kind of propaganda.

It will take a great deal of effort and money to counter effectively the Bernard line and to conduct a positive, vigorous campaign in Senator Fulbright's behalf. To meet this challenge we have formed the Bipartisan Committee of Arkansans-at-Large and Friends of Fulbright to assure that lack of funds does not keep one of the nation's most outstanding patriots out of public office.

Senator Fulbright <u>must</u> have the support of those of us who share his concern about the conduct of our foreign policy. Please help secure his re-election by indicating on the enclosed reply card the amount of your contribution in this final and crucial stage of the campaign.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frederick Lee Liebolt, M.D.

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