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Scientists To Nixon: End War

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A group of 282 of the foremost scientists in the United States have signed a letter to President Nixon calling on him to remove all U.S. Armed Forces from Cambodia immediately and to establish a one-year deadline in withdrawing the remainder of our GIs from Southeast Asia.

The contents of the letter was released here today by Dr. Charles B. Morrey, Jr., professor of mathematics, and Dr. George C. Pimentel, chemistry professor, both of the University of California at Berkeley.

No Answer Yet

Morrey said his group has not, as yet, received an answer from the White House. The letter, mailed Friday, said, in part:

"Each of these men (the 282 scientists) is a leader in his field and many are or have been officers of various scientific professional societies . . . Moreover, these men are very much interested in political and military matters and are at least well informed as is the average citizen . . .

'Many Groups'

"Our group is not comprised of young people; although it may contain a few rather young members, the average age of the petitioners must be close to 60 . . ."

"Many groups are so ex-

pressing themselves -- including newspapermen, and the presidents of the DuPont Company and the Bank of America," Pimentel said.

"Such messages apparently persuaded President Johnson he was on the wrong course, so he did not seek reelection." Pimentel added.

Morrey noted that the list of signatures includes the names of six Nobel prize winners, and added: "The President can't readily ignore such widespread opinion."

Both Pimentel and Morrey said in their letter to Nixon that the scientists feel the price we are paying in divisiveness at home far outweighs anything we can gain in Indochina.

"Even if we were to win a war in Vietnam," Morrey said, "we would have lost an entire generation of young Americans at home."