

### Bombing Is the Message

To the Editor:

With a stroke of the pen, Secretary Rogers signs for the United States the international treaty convention prohibiting biological and toxin weapons.

With a wave of his hand, President Nixon opens the bomb bay doors of his vast air power all over Indochina, orders six aircraft carriers into action in the war zone, alerts hundreds of additional Air Force and Marine fighter-bombers. Secretary Laird calls this "insurance capability—determination—resolve." But murder by any other name still smells as foul.

The bombing is the message, Mr. President, not the signing.

Heartsick, we read you loud and clear.

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