

# On Saturday, November 15th

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We are neither organizers nor sponsors of the Mobilization March in Washington on November 15th. Some of us will not take part in it. Nevertheless, we feel that the organizers of the Mobilization, in carrying out their stated purpose of peaceful action, are engaged in an exercise of the rights of assembly and petition guaranteed by the Constitution. We condemn suggestions emanating from the Administration that exercise of these constitutional rights is an irresponsible means of influencing policy; and we believe that any abridgement of these rights by the government is itself a provocative act. Indeed, we believe that the obligation of the American government is to protect these American citizens in their desire to protest lawfully and peacefully.

We consider that Mr. Nixon's speech of November 3rd, and the disturbing statements of the Vice President and the Attorney General, make it all the more urgent for citizens to unite against the course to which the President seems to have committed us in Vietnam.

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