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Dear friend,

Bach Mai, the largest hospital and medical training and research center in North Vietnam, was "smashed to smithereens" during the December B-52 raids; thirty buildings of the 34-acre complex were destroyed.

It is fitting that our people restore Bach Mai. Medical Aid for Indochina (MAI), which last year sent \$100,000 worth of medical equipment and supplies to those areas of Indochina under U.S. attack, has launched the Bach Mai Hospital Fund. In the first month of our campaign over \$600,000 of our \$3 million goal have been contributed.

President Nixon's 12-day holocaust was the crowning infamy of the longest and dirtiest war in American history. It was designed to secure capitulation to General Thieu's demands, to bring Hanoi to its knees. It failed. Not only did the strategic airforce suffer insupportable losses but the carpet-bombing of densely-populated Hanoi and Haiphong raised a world-wide storm of protest and a shock-wave of revulsion and outrage at home. President Nixon was obliged to sign essentially the same Agreement which he had repudiated in October, an Agreement which at long last brings the complete removal of U.S. forces from Vietnam.

As we proceed with the tasks of healing the wounds of war we must remain alert to the requirements of peace. In South Vietnam a quarter-million political prisoners languish in prisons while Nixon's General Thieu tries to obstruct and circumvent the Agreement calling for their release, for a cease fire, for return of the refugees to their homes and for free elections. Therefore we call for your vigilance as well as your dollars.

Bach Mai was the largest of 37 medical facilities in North Vietnam attacked by U.S. bombers since April 7, 1972. The need to restore and extend medical services which have suffered such heavy blows is most urgent and our contributions cannot and should not await action by Washington. The Vietnamese people distinguish between the Administration and the American people. Let us celebrate that recognition by rebuilding Bach Mai Hospital. NOW.

Please send us the coupon on the enclosure with your donation, or pass this letter along to a friend if you have already given.

We convey the heartfelt thanks of the Vietnamese people to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Our President Was Angry



So the Bach Mai Hospital in Hanoi was Destroyed

"...in calculated anger, the President unleashed the most massive bombing of North Viet Nam of the whole long war."

—Time Magazine, January 1, 1973

IN the city of Hanoi, people, homes, stores, entire streets and neighborhoods have been wiped off the face of the earth—including Bach Mai Hospital, a civilian hospital with 950 beds, extensive clinical laboratories, and all the services of a major teaching hospital, like Stanford Medical Center. Totally destroyed. Doctors, nurses and patients killed. Bombed three times by American B-52s. Confirmed by the Swedish Embassy, by French correspondents, and by our own Ret. Brigadier General Telford Taylor.

Said General Taylor in his eyewitness report:

"Early this morning (Friday), the large Bach Mai hospital was destroyed. The hospital grounds were torn by huge fresh craters and the buildings that escaped direct hits were shattered by the blast.

"Viewed a few hours later, the hospital remains were a terrible scene, with rescue workers carrying patients piggyback, cranes and bulldozers and people using only their hands desperately clearing debris to reach victims said to be still buried in the rubble, and the frantic hospital director running from one building to another."

What can we do? March? Protest? Run ads? Raise hell with Congress? Yes, we can do all that. And we can do more.

We can show the world that the American people do not share the anger and displeasure of our President. We can show we feel sorrow and compassion for what has been done, and we can show it constructively—by replacing Bach Mai Hospital.

It means money. It means we need \$3,000,000 to do the job. It means we are asking you to join with all of us in doing that job.

Please send us the coupon and enclose your check to help replace one of the tragic results of our President's action.

Let the American people show they are capable of expressing something besides anger. Let us express our humanity. Let us replace Bach Mai.

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I join you as an American to help undo the anger of our President. Enclosed is my check for immediate funds to begin replacing the hospital and medical facilities at Bach Mai.

\$ _____, \$500 _____, \$100 _____, \$50 _____, \$10 _____.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make checks payable to Bach Mai Hospital Fund.

Please volunteer to help. Call 989-6023

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