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Dear Henry,

Congratulations on your second state-of-the-world message. I have only seen the (London) Times account, but I am delighted. It sounds even better (sharper, clearer in focus) than last year's. When the British postal strike ends, if it ever does, I should be grateful for a copy.

The military news from Indochina is hard to follow, but Robert Thompson is necessary, and he is good enough for me.

The news from the M.E. looks promising. The Egyptian step is a big one. Don't make Meade's mistake at Gettysburg. They are re-arming. Paris

them hands, if always with great courtesy  
oriental people, of course. The only way one  
position in the Arab world will be restored is  
to demonstrate clearly that one will prevail  
in the end; and that they only lose by  
playing the Soviet card. What would give  
the Soviets a victory in the Arab world?  
Obviously, Israel will demand without  
pence. In this, they have now pushed  
what is next best? but demand to be  
lines of June 4, 1967, without losing the  
so through a conference, at least for  
Egypt. This must fail too, unless  
Egypt is willing to settle for a  
complete demilitarization of the Sinai,  
+ a lease of Sharm-el-Sheikh, plus  
a road to it. I should think the Jamil  
for middle of March, 1968, should work

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 Now, could Sudat turn it down?  
 When he, Bob Anderson, he would be  
 object to it. But then I was by design  
 a card, & lost out. Maybe Sudat is  
 so afraid of a conference that he  
 would take the formula of complete  
 demilitarization plus lease. I should  
 guess, however, that will take a couple of  
 months to get to that point, a least.

I can imagine the speaker you  
 getting from various quarters. But  
 you are tough about that.  
 With cordial regards,

Yours, as always,

Gene

The form of a number of  
 acceptable, I have now summarized to  
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