

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1970


Dear Mel:

I wanted you to be aware of the splendid job done by Dave Packard in your absence. As you know, the pace of activities in Southeast Asia continued unabated over the period.

Dave's counsel and responsiveness to the many Presidential requirements was truly noteworthy and contributed immeasurably to the smooth working relationships which we were able to maintain with your Department.

The President personally commented on Dave's performance on several occasions. I would be grateful if you would express the President's and my appreciation to him for all of his efforts.

Best regards,

  
Henry A. Kissinger

The Honorable Melvin R. Laird  
The Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Carl:

Thank you for your letter of June 12. I do understand your anguish over the war, but rather than attempt to state my views in correspondence, why not come and see me. Just give me a call when you can come down and we will set a time.

Warm regards,



Henry A. Kissinger

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