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April 27, 1965.

Elizabeth Rademaker,  
950 Shipping Street N.E.,  
Salem, Oregon, 97303  
and  
Violet Nettleton,  
940 D Street, N.E.,  
salem, Oregon.

Dear Friends:--

Your communication in regard to the Viet Nam situation and your suggestion of letters to the President and our representatives in the legislative part of our government was awaiting me on my return to Newberg yesterday.

I had already written to the president, to our two senators and to the congressman from this district, and have personal replies from both senators and from the president's office.

The situation continues to change so often both in Asia and in the White House that one cannot be sure when he writes that his letter will be appropriate by the time it reaches Washington. The president says that he is ready for an unconditional conference on the issues in Viet Nam, and the next day he states the only conditions under which he will be willing to confer.

This does not change the fact that it is important that the White House be deluged with protests against the war in southwest Asia, and with insistant urging to use all his power toward an immediate "cease fire" and a peaceful settlement of the vexed problems that have kept Viet Nam in turmoil and suffering for a quarter of a century. Our representatives in Washington shall continue to know of my insistence on a peaceful settlement of the Viet Nam problem. And I am glad for your interest and activity in that cause.

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.