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American Friends Service Committee,
160 North Fifteenth Street,
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania.

Dear Friends:--

ECAFE, IVS, USOM, IST, NLF, USIS, NAGV, AID, GVN,
NVS, VISA, CVT.

I have just read with keen interest the Report of AFSC Viet Nam Mission, and I found these interesting alphabetical abbreviations -- these and others, for this is not the complete list.

Maybe the writer or writers of this report could tell with ease the meaning of all these abbreviations, but they'd have to show me before I'd believe it. And I can assure them or anybody else that many of them are worse than Greek to me -- I know a little Greek.

I know the argument that AFSC is much easier to write than American Friends Service Committee, and that ECAFE is easier to write than the whole name of whatever those letters stand for. But the AFSC is not so noted for its economy of words and paper that it could not spell out NAGV the first time it is used.

It would take a bit longer to spell out each one of these abbreviations once, but it would save a lot of the time of readers of a report like this if once he could see the whole name, understand what it is, and not have to go back and read some pages over again to see if the whole name had been used -- and not find it. Abbreviations are fine, and there are some of them that are so widely known that one can be forgiven if he uses them without even once spelling them out. To say that the WCTU held a meeting in the YWCA building would not leave many folks confused; but if I should tell you that the CSPS combined with the STB in an effort to defeat the effort of the KK (not the KKK -- heaven forbid) to build their koogees on the NATW site, it might be a bit confusing.

I don't really expect it will do any good, but I've got it off my chest again. If you want your material understood, give your readers a better chance than to bombard them with GVN, CVT, ECAFE, USOM, NLF, NAGV, IVS, ETC.

Without any hope that somebody will sit right down and dash off the meaning of these abbreviations, and with the assurance that I'd not go over this report a third or fourth time to be sure that I understand that ECAFE is not a restaurant and that NLF is not the National Football League that got a bit mixed, I am

Your sincere friend,

Levi T. Pennington.