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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

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Dear Eliot:

Thank you for urging my support for the Nedzi-Whalen amendment to cut off funds for Indo-China after December 31, 1971. This will be offered when the Military Procurement Authorization bill comes up this month for House passage.

While no plan that has been presented up to this point for ending the conflict is entirely acceptable, I believe that the present policy is as satisfactory as any that the difficult situation will allow. The President has assured us that he will end our participation and invites citizens to hold him accountable if he fails.

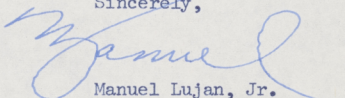
I was not a Member of the Congress when the "Tonkin Gulf Resolution", which gave the President a virtual blank check for conducting our policies in Vietnam, was introduced and passed. As you may know, since the time we in the Congress repealed it.

In principle I approve of the Nedzi-Whalen amendment because it returns the responsibility for deciding whether the war should be continued to the Congress where it rightfully belongs. When a war is declared, it is done with the approval of the Congress.

A decision to support this particular amendment is extremely difficult in light of the many ramifications and the many questions it brings to mind. I can assure you that I am giving it a great deal of thought and I have done quite a bit of research into this particular facet of a most complex problem. Believe me, when I make my final decision on this, I will be taking into consideration the views you have expressed.

I do appreciate your taking the time to write, and if I can be of assistance in the future, don't hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,



Manuel Lujan, Jr.

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