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

July 12, 1971

Mr. Paul E. Healy
Office of the City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts
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Dear Mr. Healy:

Thank you for taking the time to advise me of your desire to see the end of United States involvement in Southeast Asia.

As a signer of the STATEMENT OF PURPOSE I am committed to seek a legislative solution to end the war in Southeast Asia by December 31, 1971. I have already signed the petition of Congressman Charles Vanik of Ohio to discharge the Vietnam Disengagement Act from the House Foreign Affairs Committee to insure prompt House consideration.

I also voted last March to commit the Democratic Caucus to a December 31st withdrawal.

On Thursday, June 17th, during the course of debate on the Military Procurement Authorization Act, the Nedzi-Whalen Amendment was offered, debated and voted down, I threw my full support behind this amendment, which would prohibit the expenditure of new funds after December 31, 1971, to support the deployment of U.S. Military operations in or over South Vietnam, North Vietnam, Cambodia or Laos. Also considered and rejected by the House ~~was an Amendment~~ which cut out \$2.5 billion for Vietnamese forces and other support forces and three other Amendments which sought to set specific pull-out dates with varying provisions regarding prisoners of war and cease-fire agreements. These Amendments also received my full support.

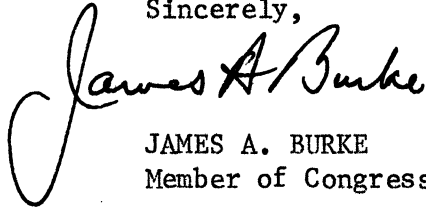
More recently, I opposed House action which tabled a motion to instruct House conferees to agree to Senator Mansfield's Amendment to the Draft legislation. In effect, the House refused to accept the Mansfield Amendment which would establish as U.S. policy, the withdrawal of all U.S. military forces from Indochina within 9 months subject to the release of all POW's.

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I want to assure you that I shall continue to explore and pursue every legislative means to terminate our tragic involvement in South-east Asia. This war has gone on long enough. The time for Congress to act is now.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Burke". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

JAMES A. BURKE
Member of Congress

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Communication from Congressman James
A. Burke acknowledging order adopted by
the City Council regarding the War in
Vietnam

August 16, 1971.

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