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Dear Friend:

The 89th Congress will be the first complete Congress under the Johnson Administration. Legislation has been proposed that, if enacted, will affect your future, your country's future and the future of the world.

I again invite you, through this questionnaire, to express yourself on some of the more important issues facing our nation. The answers to these questions are, of course, much more complicated than space will allow. However, your general feelings on these matters are important to me in my efforts here in Washington to represent you.

I personally shall read any additional comments you may wish to add. However, I hope you will understand that, unfortunately, I do not have the staff to provide individual replies in most instances.

When the answers to the questionnaire are compiled, I shall report the results in my regular monthly WASHINGTON REPORT, as well as to the news media.

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Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Charles M. Teague

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PLEASE CIRCLE THE LETTER IN FRONT OF THE STATEMENT THAT MOST NEARLY REPRESENTS YOUR VIEWS

1. VIETNAM

- a. The U. S. should immediately seek a negotiated peace in Vietnam.
- b. We should limit our involvement to "strike for strike" air attacks against North Vietnam.
- c. If our present "strike for strike" tactics prove to be insufficient to reverse the current trend in Vietnam, we should commit the necessary additional U. S. soldiers and materiel to accomplish this.
- d. Undecided.

2. MEDICAL CARE FOR THE AGED

- a. The present Kerr-Mills state-federal matching funds program administered by the states should be expanded to cover additional persons and services.
- b. Congress should enact a voluntary plan whereby a federal tax deduction or treasury certificate (to those paying no taxes) would pay for the purchase of health insurance.
- c. Congress should set up a program under Social Security to be financed through increased Social Security taxes.
- d. Undecided.

3. FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION

- a. Federal assistance in this field should be limited to our current programs; i. e. , aid to federally impacted areas, college construction, etc.
- b. A general federal aid to education program should be enacted, but only for the construction of public primary and secondary schools.
- c. A general federal aid to education program should be enacted that would include both public and private primary and secondary schools.
- d. Undecided.

4. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

The U. S. has been running a balance of foreign payments deficit of over \$3 billion per year, which most recognized economists feel should be substantially reduced if we are to maintain a sound dollar. Please circle the areas listed below (more than one if you wish) where you feel it would be best, from all aspects, to reduce spending abroad.

- a. Business investment abroad.
- b. Tourism.
- c. Economic aid to foreign governments, with insistence that a greater share of dollars be spent for U. S. goods.
- d. Military aid to foreign governments, with the same stipulation as (c) above.
- e. U. S. troops on foreign soil.
- f. Curtailment of imported products.

5. IMMIGRATION

- a. Our immigration laws, which allowed some 302,000 immigrants into the U. S. in 1964 under the current system of quotas allocated according to national origin, should remain substantially unchanged.
- b. The present laws should be rewritten to provide for admission to this country on the basis of personal skills, rather than nationality, which would mean an actual overall annual increase of approximately 60,000 persons.
- c. Undecided.

6. UNITED NATIONS

- a. The U. S. should immediately withdraw from the United Nations.
- b. We should remain in the U. N. and work for improvements from within.

If you circled the letter (b), which of the following alternatives best expresses your feelings regarding the current U. N. voting rights dilemma?

- 1. The U. S. should insist that the Soviet Union and other delinquent nations pay their U. N. assessments in full if they wish to retain their voting rights in the General Assembly.
- 2. We should be willing to negotiate a solution, even though the final agreement probably would not contain everything we would like.
- 3. We should agree to allow nations that have not paid their dues in full to retain their voting rights so that the business of the world organization can continue.

7. REAPPORTIONMENT

- a. Last year's Supreme Court "one man -- one vote" decision, which requires that both houses of a state legislature be apportioned solely on the basis of population, should be allowed to stand.
- b. An amendment to the Constitution should be enacted that would allow one house of a state legislature to be apportioned on a basis other than population -- to be determined by the people of the state.
- c. Undecided.

8. TRADING WITH THE COMMUNISTS

- a. An expansion of trade between the U. S. and its allies on the one hand, and the Soviet Union and the Communist bloc nations on the other should be encouraged.
- b. Such trade should be limited to non-strategic goods and on a cash basis only.
- c. Trade with the Communist bloc nations should be kept to an absolute minimum.
- d. Undecided.

9. RIGHT TO WORK

- a. Section 14(b) of the Taft-Hartley Law, under which some twenty states have by public vote enacted "right to work" laws banning closed union shops in those states, should be retained.
- b. A bill repealing Section 14(b), thereby making it illegal for states to pass "right to work" laws, should be enacted by the Congress.
- c. Undecided.

10. AID TO OUR DETRACTORS

- a. The Congress should discontinue providing foreign aid to nations that allow mobs to destroy U. S. property and whose leaders make strong anti-American statements.
- b. The President and the State Department should be granted the authority to determine when aid to such nations is in our best interest.
- c. Undecided.

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