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The Hon. Clifford P. Case
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Case:

In his speech to the returned Vietnam prisoners of war, the President placed secrecy as one of his highest principles of a functioning government. Truth and honesty were unmentioned. This in a system of government that can only function if all channels for communication are open!

Secrecy was defended on the grounds of "national security",
a term never defined but of what value or significance is it to a system without moral strength?

Openness can cause stumbling, at times, but better that than the duplicity which seems to have become the distinguishing characteristic of the Nixon concept of the American way.

We don't need more laws. We need a spirit of candor and trust in government if it is to remain, in Lincoln's words, "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Sincerely,



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Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter. I understand your concern. Like you, I believe candor in government is essential to the peoples' trust in it.

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Case
U. S. Senator

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