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Mrs. Henri Temianka
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Dear Mrs. Temianka:

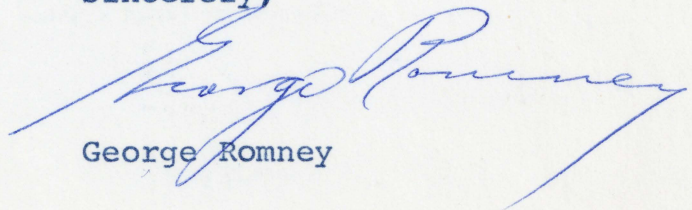
Thank you for your recent letter about Vietnam. I am sorry that you do not completely agree with my position on this unhappy and complicated problem. I strongly believe in the free expression of all opinion, and I value receiving your thoughts on this issue.

I shall continue to speak out on U. S. involvement in Southeast Asia, from time to time, and I hope that you will give my views careful study. Without a rational and responsible approach, and continued examination of all aspects and developments of the serious trouble there, we will not be able to come out of it with the kind of peace which will most benefit all parties in the long run.

You may be interested that recently I have: challenged continued U. S. escalation in the war, particularly in regard to triggering major enlargement by China and Russia; supported negotiations between Saigon and the Viet Cong; and questioned the decision to put the U. S. military in charge of our role of the "pacification" program in the South. I have repeatedly rejected total military victory as any kind of a solution in Vietnam.

Yet I believe that a unilateral withdrawal by the United States would harm the cause of independence and freedom in a stable international society, which is required to achieve real political, social and economic growth for the poorer peoples of the world.

Sincerely,



George Romney