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Dear Ed:

I appreciated very much your frank comments, and have taken the liberty of circulating the bulk of them to my colleagues. A couple of your ideas in particular are quite provocative. I expect, for example, to visit Fort Benning late in the Spring to bring up to date my knowledge of how the Army handles foreign students; I am also taking steps even now to implement your suggestion that we try to tape political speeches and explanatory talks about their intentions and affairs by political leaders in countries where we now have projects. Thanks for your suggestions.

I was especially delighted to hear that you and my "old friend and comrade in arms," Lightning Joe Collins are going to Southeast Asia for the Draper Committee. I hope that in Saigon you will give my regards to our good friend. I have yet to receive any of the materials I asked him for on the subject of security in the Provinces, but then I didn't really expect it. Perhaps you can entice a little bit of it out of him. In the meantime, Mike O'Daniel will be coming here to visit me on the 26th and 27th of this month, and we shall have him speak to a faculty group and also to our internationally minded students. In any case, have a good trip, and let me hear from you on your return.

In the meantime, Jerry French's comments and those of other members of your staff on the Report will be most welcome.

Cordially,

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