

MEMORANDUM

June 10, 1972

TO: All American Employees of the Mission

FROM: The Ambassador *A.W.J.*

I would like to share with you a letter that I received from our President:

May 19, 1972

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The communist dry season offensive in Laos has been blunted this year, largely through the tireless efforts of your Mission. You have done a tremendous job under difficult conditions and I want to express my deep appreciation, on behalf of the American people, for the distinguished leadership you have displayed in this critical situation.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

I have written to the President:

June 8, 1972

Dear Mr. President:

Your most thoughtful and generous letter of May 19 addressed to me is a tribute to the men and women of this Mission who showed such devotion to duty during a very difficult five months.

It is therefore with great pride and gratitude to you, Mr. President, that I have taken the liberty of transmitting your views to the American members

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of the Mission, and to the employees of Air America and Continental Air Services who carried out with such gallantry their responsibilities to our government.

The vast majority of Americans in Laos are one hundred per cent behind all your efforts to achieve world peace. We admire your courage. All are proud to be Americans, and that you are our President.

Very respectfully,

G. McMurtrie Godley

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