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Dear Dave:

Enjoyed seeing you again at the Carnegie CBW group session,
and appreciate the difficulties with which you have to wrestle.

In assessing the negative impact on pacification (primarily
on rural attitudes of defoliant/herbicide operations) I hope
you will balance this against the indirect benefits of paci-
fication from greater security, not least to roads and waterways.
Unfortunately, there is no adequate basis for comparison, but
my hunch would be that the security benefits to pacification
largely balance out the negative aspects described in your paper.

My reason for writing is to enclose an article from the *Los
Angeles Times*, which you might not otherwise see. It is interesting
how, when cutbacks are required, you get a sense of program priorities
from what gets cut back first. I also suspect that the controversial
nature of the program was at least a secondary consideration.

Sincerely,



R. W. Komer

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