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The Hon. Paul N. McCloskey
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

A. Attached is a list of Stanford people who have been invited to attend a breakfast meeting with you at 7:30 a.m., Friday, March 7, at Tressider Union. This is essentially the same group who were invited to the last breakfast meeting, with a few additions.

B. A number of us had the chance to meet last Thursday and suggested the following list of topics for further discussion. I am also enclosing some additional material that may round some of these out slightly.

1. Your suggestions about a G.I. bill for education, particularly for minority students.
2. A deeper analysis of the relationship between aid to dependent children programs and population control.
3. Some elucidation of the fundamental issues about the ABM project, as perceived in Washington.
4. Laying the groundwork for peaceful uses of nuclear energy (Project Plowshare) and the negotiation of exceptions to the nuclear test ban treaty.
5. Relationships with Communist China. (We recognize that the steps that can realistically be taken are very feeble, but feel that some of these should be explored in any direction that can open up some degree of communication. We do not have in mind so much the major issues that are unlikely to be settled in the near future, but rather to ask about whatever tactical steps are still possible before fundamental resolution.)

C. Dick Falk has already written to you about the mutiny trial in San Francisco and his concerns that this may prove to be a catastrophic blunder and a major miscarriage of justice. We are deeply concerned that the escalation of charges against these men from minor insubordination to a nearly capital crime may undermine the legitimacy of the military establishment in the minds of many young men on the verge of indecision about their cooperation with the draft. We do not urge you to take a definite position on the matter, but rather that you investigate it yourself as an incident having a very high degree of local visibility.

Sincerely yours,

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