

President Richar Lyman
Stanford University

Dear President Lyman:

We have read your recent advice to students suggesting that they find constructive ways to oppose the invasion of Laos. May we suggest than one difficulty in making our protest to this invasion effective has been the lack of administration cooperation and leadership. This open letter asks for your help.

Our committee is organizing a crash program to collect funds on campus, and nationwide, for the shipment of medical supplies to Laos and North Vietnam. We have the assurance of the national office of the American Friends Service Committee, who are presently in the process of shipping surgery equipment to Hanoi, that 100% of all funds raised by our group will be used to purchase materials for shipment to Indochina. Indochinese leaders themselves will select the goods to be shipped. The AFSC has assured us they will deliver these supplies. Our committee adds its assurances. These supplies will be delivered.

Due to the curious ambiguities in our legal code, donations for medical supplies to Indochina at this time are still legal, and even tax-deductible! But the AFSC has informed us that there are indications that the government may soon act to close this channel. That means we now have a pipeline to ship medical supplies to the victims of US aggression in Asia, but that we must act immediately. We need your support. Therefore, we request that you:

- 1) indicate your support of our project and urge, as a private citizen, members of the Stanford community to support it,
- 2) make a sizeable donation immediately to indicate your firm support. Many students are contributing one half of their monthly University income. Will you do as much? We would be happy to accept a check from you Wednesday morning, and we will call at your office at that time to solicit your cooperation and your donation.
- 3) accept the position of Honorary Co-Chairman of this committee to express your deep concern over the emergency condition brought about by the Laos Invasion.
- 4) aid us in contacting off-campus individuals and institutions in an attempt to secure funds.

You have called for practical action against the Laos invasion, and have chided students for disguising "ego-trips" as serious political activities. Join with us now for the purpose of sending massive amounts of supplies to the victims of U.S. aggression in Asia and demonstrate that you are willing to provide leadership as well as criticism. We look forward to cooperating with you in this emergency effort to oppose the invasion of Laos and to save lives.

Sincerely,

THE COMMITTEE FOR SUPPLIES TO INDOCHINA IS SENDING A STANFORD DONATION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO HANOI AND THE PATHET LAO. WE NEED YOUR DONATION, HELP, AND ADVICE.
SO DO THE LAOTIAN PEASANTS.

I wish to join your committee:

name _____
department _____
address _____
telephone _____
donation _____

(Checks to be made out to AFSC.)

Our headquarters is in the Anthropology Department student lounge. (ext. 3110).