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September 6, 1974

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** **BILL TIMMONS**  
**FROM:** **GENE AINSWORTH**  
**SUBJECT:** **Rep. David Treen on Amnesty**

Rep. David Treen (R-La) called me today from New Orleans to register his very strong opposition to the President's position on amnesty for Vietnam era draft evaders.

Speaking as both a Republican and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Treen said, "The President is making a grave mistake which will have grave implications for the future national security of our country. Amnesty is being viewed as a direct insult to those servicemen who responded to the call during Vietnam and who did not shirk their duty. The overwhelming majority of the people in my district oppose any type of amnesty and I hope that the President will make the compensatory service portion of an amnesty proclamation as onerous and severe as possible. I will be with the President on 90% of the issues, but can't support him on this one."

David asked that his views on this subject be brought to the President's attention.

