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May 13, 1975

Dear Al:

I am deeply grateful for your April 9 rebuttal  
of a WOTV editorial.

Your views are especially meaningful because  
of your many experiences in South Vietnam. I  
thank you most sincerely.

Warmest personal regards,

JERRY FORD

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**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**WASHINGTON**

NOTE

The President dictated this response in lieu of using the letter in my signature since Dr. Swanson is a very close personal friend of his.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DOROTHY DOWNTON  
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT   
SUBJECT: Statement by Dr. Alfred B. Swanson

At Tab A is a suggested reply for you to send to Dr. Alfred Swanson on behalf of the President complimenting him on his T. V. editorial on April 9 (Tab B).

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Dr. Swanson:

The President has asked me to convey to you his personal appreciation for your April 9 rebuttal of a WOTV television editorial.

The President thanks you for making this effort and agrees with many of the points that you made.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Downton

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*Quick staffing  
(by back up)*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 5, 1975

General Scowcroft:

This letter was in my private outbox this morning along with a note from the President as follows:

"This is a T.V. rebuttal by Dr. Al Swanson in G.R. Good friend. Write--thanks and congratulations."

Is this something you want to handle in view of the subject matter, or would you prefer that I write the response?

Thank you for your advice.

Dorothy Downton  
Personal Secretary  
to the President

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

D / This is a T.V.  
referral by Dr. Al Hansen  
in G.R.

Good friend.

Write - Thanks +  
congratulations.



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the millions of refugees and for protecting our South Vietnamese friends who will die in a blood bath if Saigon falls to the Communists.

We should at this point in history begin the greatest internal evaluation of our foreign policy and methods so that this nation can continue to be an influence for liberty and democracy in the world. We should not involute and run from our responsibilities to our fellow man because of the terrible experience of Vietnam. Rather, we should conceive and develop a new American Revolution which will be to anticipate and solve the overwhelming problems that man faces from his environment as he heads into the twenty-first century. This time it must be a total commitment of active concern or nature will surely destroy us.

Thank you.

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