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Dear President Johnson,

How goes it with you? I'm sure you are busy with the Viet-Nam war. Do you really believe all this killing is necessary to insure Democracy? You do not have to worry about this letter because I am only fifteen, and that makes me a non-veter.

I was suspended from my High School for wearing a black arm band on December 16, 1965. One reason i wore it was because i was mourning the American soldiers and the Viet Cong soldiers who are dieing and ~~has~~ are bieng wounded every day, and do not forget all the poor women and children who live there and die every day so we can give them the right to vote for a government of their choice This is a fine idea and i believe that all people should have the right to vote, but must we kill them to achieve our ends. The other reason i wore the arm band was in hopes that the United states Government ( that's you ) would accept the Viet Cong offer of the Christmas truce , and you did, and even did better with the thirty-hour truce. For this act I congratulate you.

Escalation of the war can serve no useful purpose, besides the lose of all the people, it willalso take away from important matters here in the U S

We should try to practice Love and Peace and not Hate and Fear. Why Don't you try harder to get this war over with so more people would learn more about Peace and love and less about hate and fear.

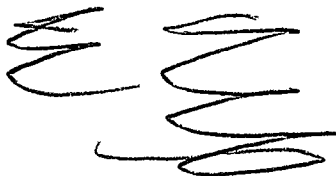
We are the greatest nation in the world therefore we should try to lead the way towards better relations all over the world.

i went back to school Jan. 4 wearing a button saying " Make Love Not War"

Your Sincere Friend,

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P.S. MAY GOD AND YOUR CONSCIENCE GUIDE YOU IN DOING WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS RIGHT AND NOT YOUR WAR GENERALS.....



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