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## MUSKIE ASKES PRESIDENT TO KEEP KY OUT

Vice President Ky's proposed visit to the United States to participate in a "win the war" rally is extremely unwise.

It demonstrates his commitment to a policy contrary to that announced by President Nixon. Ky's visit is aimed at perpetuating the war, not achieving a just peace.

Ky's presence in the United States, and the circumstances of his trip, will deepen the divisions over Vietnam, escalate domestic tensions, and increase the chances for violence confrontation.

Ky's objectives, and those of his sponsors, are bound to create unfortunate misapprehensions about United States policies in Vietnam.

I believe the time has come for President Nixon to tell General Ky not to come to the United States. The President is the one man who can prevent him from coming.

If the President chooses not to tell Ky to stay away, we will have to conclude that he chooses to have Ky come to make a speech for perpetuation of the war and the Thieu-Ky Regime.

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