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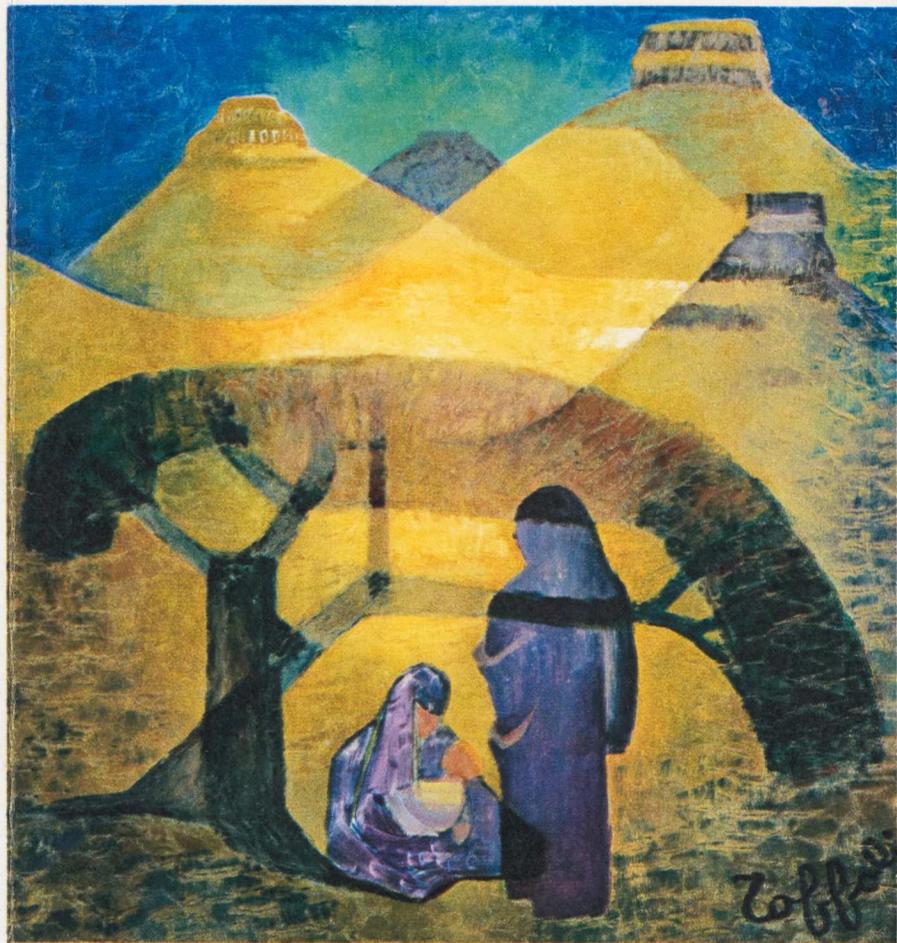
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March 21

Dear Pam + Bob -

I couldn't agree more with your Viet Nam letter, and, since I am one who has been relatively silent in my opposition, your letter was a needed as well as welcome communication.

I'm ashamed to admit to myself as

well as to you that I haven't written any official yet. The American apathy which I so deplore seems to have gotten to me too. I'll do it tonight.

I hope all is well in your personal lives, even though our world is in so much trouble.

Peace + thanks, Keen

April 12, 1966

Solihury, Pa.

Dearest Pam + Bob,

Yes, yes, yes, a
thousand times yes. I feel
the same way. I hope soon
our government will realize
how much the people of
South Vietnam want us
out of there - How can
they tell us more
clearly ^{to} with the events
of the past week?

My love to you both,

Maggie Port

28 Born Terrace
Atlantic City, N. J.
January 10, 1967

Dear Mr. Allen,

I received your letter dated January 2.
I am sorry that I can't attend your meeting due
to prior commitment. I wish you success in your
undertaking.

Sincerely yours
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April 7

Dear Bob and Pam,

Congratulations. You have been chosen as tonight's letter recipient. I have been conducting a general slum clearance program on my life, setting up such programs as a letter-a-day, tennis at six A.M. before work, and so forth. The result so far has been that I am exhausted by lunch and sleep all afternoon.

A few quickie announcements: Florida was refreshing, Barb Walker and I have finally made a date for two weeks from now, and there was something else which I have forgotten, oh yeah, Julian Bond is speaking here tomorrow.

Concerning your letter. The Vietnamese protests in the last couple days support most of what you said. As far as I have been able to tell your facts are good. Koch and Lynd have both spoken here and what you have said agrees with their statements. The problem for me is to decide what I am supposed to do about this. You're right that mere agreement accomplished nothing. In fact I find it even more distasteful than those who come out for the war and attempt to justify their positions. Yet I have felt pretty much impotent when faced with the problem. As far as marching goes I am not sure whether the good results it hastens or initiates outweigh the sad loss of individual expression, and thinking. Letters can accomplish something but from a personal standpoint this is not very satisfying. Talking to friends is mostly fruitless since they either agree or you end up disagreeing about what ^{each} claims to be facts.

I hope that going to Guatemala will resolve much of this for me. I have begun to feel that unless I can really see what the situation is my arguments will not be much stronger than anyone else's. When I was in Guatemala this summer I realized at one point that the Vietnamese peasant must be exactly the same as the Indians I met in Guatemala. They didn't really care about democracy or the communist takeover. In fact their minds didn't even begin to understand the questions in the abstract. They just wanted to somehow have the assurance that they could live until the next day. What I found horrifying was that we must be killing people like this in Vietnam for abstract concepts which really have nothing to do with their lives.

Anyway I think that most of Latin America^X is going to present us with a problem very similar to what we are facing now in Asia. By getting there now I may be able to help make whatever revolution there ~~will be~~ a little less bloody. As far as Vietnam goes I don't know what to do about it. When I worry about the situation, as I am now, I finally end up wishing I could assassinate the president. I can't help feeling that he does passionately believe that what he is doing is right. In fact he may suffer over the situation as much as we. But everything he is doing is so wrong.

Love,

Steve

in the next 10 years

Atlanta, Ga. 3-23-66

Dear Bobby:

Just rec'd your document
and read it with gratitude &
remorse, gratitude in knowing that
you are looking at the Vietnam sit-
uation in the light that you express
and remorse that the American people
are being taken for the simplotons
that we are not supposed to be know-
ing. I believe that if such exposure
as you relayed to me gets in to the
hands of a sufficient no. of people and
action is taken by the interested ones
there will be some changes or some
truthful clarification of the united
States participation in this conflict
I am going to pass this on and we
may get a campaign started, which
may or not be effective.

Regards to you & Pam from my
and my self.

Dear June and Bob,

It was good to hear from you.
From where we sit, the job to be
done is to organize the anti-war
sentiment in Harlem.

Come down to the party
Saturday night & we can talk.

Happy & June

Dear Bob and Pam,

I'm afraid this isn't going to be nearly as closely reasoned or as well thought out as your letter, but I wanted to compliment, applaud etc your statement on Viet Nam. I really don't think I have seen a better or more concise analysis. I kept wishing that I had said that. Consequently, I am enclosing a clipping--I really hate to pass along such bitter fruit as this, but this seems to me to be the height of atrocity. (read the clipping)

Did Eichmann ever do this? Did Attila ever slaughter so indiscriminately? My God! Because it is easier, because it is simpler, we destroy thousands of disarmed, disabled people. Hitler at least marched them to an open pit grave before he shot them.

So, war. In the names of "...life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness..." we fly in and destroy a man's home, food, clothing, family; ~~we~~ in the name of some future generation's right to vote, we bestride his country with poverty, famine, fear and pestilence. A man doesn't think about abstract liberty until he has those essentials of life in hand.... I am not convinced that communism is, of necessity, the lack of freedom; I do know that the Chinese are far better off under Mao than they were under Chaing, the Cubans under Castro than they were under Baptista. I can't discuss ideologies, because I don't understand the terms.

I just read this, I'm going into a tirade of some sort, I will think out my thoughts on Viet Nam sometime, and try to give you something better than this. But, in the meantime, thank you so much for sending your letter on to me. Write me a regular letter sometime and perhaps I'll be able to answer it more rationally--the thoughts of Friendship and Love don't seem to upset me so much.

I will begin my alternative service sometime in the near future, I think with AFSC or with NSCF. Hopefully I'll be able to do something constructive toward the end^{ing} of the war. Between now and then I may make it to New York, but if you come to DC--for a SANE march (may 15) or for the international days of protest or for anything--please come and stay at my place or call or something.

I've talked with both Brosi and Kittredge recently. Both seem to be very much in the midst of things and very happy with what they are doing. Jack will be in town next weekend. I imagine that you mailed to him, but I'll show it to him any way.

When and if you write, talk about Free Universtiy for awhile.

Thanks, and I hope to see you sometime,

Tim