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Policy Committee Res. - Letter to President re: Cambodia

Mike Mansfield 1903-2001
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE MAJORITY POLICY COMMITTEE

The Majority Policy Committee having met and considered the serious situation in Cambodia and the repercussions which it has produced within the nation

RESOLVES That the Chairman shall communicate the deep concern of the Committee to all Senate legislative Committees having under consideration bills or resolutions pertaining to Viet Nam and the Cambodian question.

RESOLVES further that the Chairman shall meet with the Minority Leader to the end that there may be a bipartisan request to such committees to give these measures priority in order that they may be brought to the floor for consideration by the entire Senate at the earliest possible time.
United States Senate
Office of the Majority Leader
Washington, D.C. 20510

As Majority Leader I called a meeting of the Majority Policy Committee, and as a result the following resolution was adopted, and also a joint letter which follows the resolution was sent by the Minority Leader, Senator Scott, and I to the Chairmen and ranking members of the Foreign Relations, Armed Services, and Appropriations Committees.
May, 7, 1970

Honorable J. W. Fulbright
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

In view of recent events concerning the introduction of United States forces into Cambodia, it is requested that your Committee consider on the basis of the highest priority all measures dealing with that specific action or connected with it.

It is deemed in the highest national interest, that all such proposals be reported to the Senate as soon as possible to afford their early, complete and expeditious consideration by the full Senate.

Thanking you for your cooperation and with best personal wishes, we are,

Sincerely,

/s/ Mike Mansfield
Majority Leader

/s/ Hugh Scott
Republican Leader
May 6, 1970

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The recent incident at Kent State University is tragic in its happening and ominous in its implication.

For too long the campuses of America's leading universities have been the scene of turmoil, strife and demonstrations, and the education of those who will lead this Nation in the years ahead has suffered.

We feel that it is important that a full investigation of the Kent State matter be undertaken and additionally the total unrest that seems to have permeated our college campuses should be studied.

Respectfully then, we urge the establishment of a high-level commission to be appointed by you to investigate fully and report on the situation at Kent State specifically, and also to report on the situation of unrest that exists on so many of the college campuses today.

"We believe sincerely that the Nation would welcome recommendations as to how the present unfortunate situation can be alleviated."

Sincerely,

Mike Mansfield
Majority Leader

Hugh Scott
Republican Leader