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I cannot support the President's action.

The course he has taken is filled with unpredictable danger.

It offers no real hope of ending the war---nor of protecting American forces.

It does not assure the return of the P.O.W.s.

On the contrary it may add to their number.

It does not speed up the date of withdrawal of American forces.

Under any definition it is a serious escalation.

The President's decision requires immediate response by the Congress---and particularly the Senate.

Therefore I am suspending my campaign activities---and cancelling all appearances in Nebraska for tomorrow.

I am returning to Washington to meet with the Congressional leadership.



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