

REMARKS OF
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"I recently read that the President of the Viet Cong's provisional revolutionary government wrote an open letter to the American people wishing "yet greater success in the fall offensive" to get U.S. forces out of Vietnam. I resent this attempted interposition in internal affairs of the United States.

"Although I doubt its sincerity, this letter does point out the danger of providing encouragement for the North Vietnamese in their uncooperative attitude in Paris and their unyielding determination on the battlefield.

"I have serious misgivings about the planned November moratorium.

"In the first place, it is unnecessary. The October moratorium clearly made its point.

"Secondly, the real possibility that the next moratorium might result in violence and disruption outweighs whatever slim benefits might be gained by it. The leadership of the November moratorium, unlike that of the October activity, have not pledge and committed themselves to the avoidance of violence. A serious, disruptive confrontation between the demonstrators and the government would do nothing to promote peace and could provide Hanoi with valuable propaganda leverage.

"As my distinguished colleague from Oregon pointed out on Monday, those who are concerned with peace should turn their attention from the streets to their neighborhoods and from mass demonstrations to community relations.

"I fully support Senator Hatfield's views and call upon all American to work for peace this November and December and throughout 1970 -- and to build better neighborhoods and communities. Peace work on this scale will bring meaningful results here at whole while the Administratio seeks real peace throughout the world."