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## AIR MAIL

Mr. Samuel L. Blumenfeld  
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Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

Thank you very much for sending me the issue of The Review of the News containing your article on the draft. You expressed many of the ideas very well indeed. As you doubtless know I am not as fully in accord with your attitude toward the Vietnam War as I am with the ideas you express here about the draft.

The only thing I have so far published on the draft is a column in Newsweek entitled, "A Voluntary Army." I will have my secretary in Chicago send you a xerox copy of it. I will also have her send you a copy of the paper which I presented at the draft conference in which I have since revised. It will be published in a volume of proceedings of the draft conference that is currently under preparation in Chicago. I'm sure there is no harm in quoting from it in advance of the formal publication of the volume.

I was tremendously heartened by the extraordinarily extensive and favorable publicity we got for the draft conference. But my pleasure was somewhat alloyed by the reflection that we got such treatment only because most of the representatives of the press agreed with the viewpoint expressed. In objective terms this received more and more favorable attention than it deserved from a strictly news point of view just as during the 1964 campaign Senator Goldwater received less and less favorable publicity than the objective circumstances justified. Both cases are equally strong evidences of the power of the mass media. Only in this case it was in our direction and favor.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Milton Friedman", is written over a horizontal line.

Milton Friedman  
Visiting Professor

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