A MESSAGE TO



Japanese Views on Vietnam

it was the beginning of the Second America as an independent state. World War. Now in 1968, we feel that of World War III.

no right to interfere.

This war as it goes on in Vietnam Japan hope for the future.

In 1931, our Government launched an belies the American tradition of democundeclared war against China, disguis- racy. It belies the words of the Decing it under the name of the Manchurian laration of Independence which marked Incident. Few people realized then that the founding of the United States of

While the war in Vietnam will be a another undeclared war going on in black mark in history against America, Asia may turn out to be the beginning it has been the occasion for great acts of individual courage, such as that of According to polls conducted by the three American soldiers in Fort Japanese newspapers, more than 80 Hood who chose imprisonment in prefper cent of the Japanese people are erence to taking part in it and that of opposed to the U.S. policy of war in the four navy airmen whose statement Vietnam. The politics of Vietnam should—appears in this Message. These acts be left to the people living there. What- show that the American tradition of ever type of government the Vietnamese moral courage, independent thinking and people may choose, the Americans have opposition to militarism are still alive in American people and give us in

A Message to American Soldiers No. 2

Date

November 1, 1967

Primary Maker

USS Intrepid (CV/CVA/CVS-11)

Medium

paper, ink

Description

Leaflet; "A Message to American Soldiers No. 2," November 1, 1967. Green folded leaflet published by Beheiren (Citizen's League for Peace in Vietnam), a Japanese organization that encouraged and facilitated U. S. military desertions during the Vietnam War. The Intrepid Four, who deserted the U.S. Navy while serving on board USS Intrepid, are featured with a joint letter titled "Do Not Kill In Vietnam!" dated November 1, 1967. It includes a black and white photograph of the Intrepid

Four. The leaflet was most likely distributed as part of anti-nuclear demonstrations that took place with the arrival of the nuclear submarine USS Plunger.

Dimensions

Closed: 8 $1/2 \times 5$ 7/8 in. (21.6 × 14.9 cm) Open: 16 7/8 × 5 7/8 in. (42.9 × 14.9 cm)