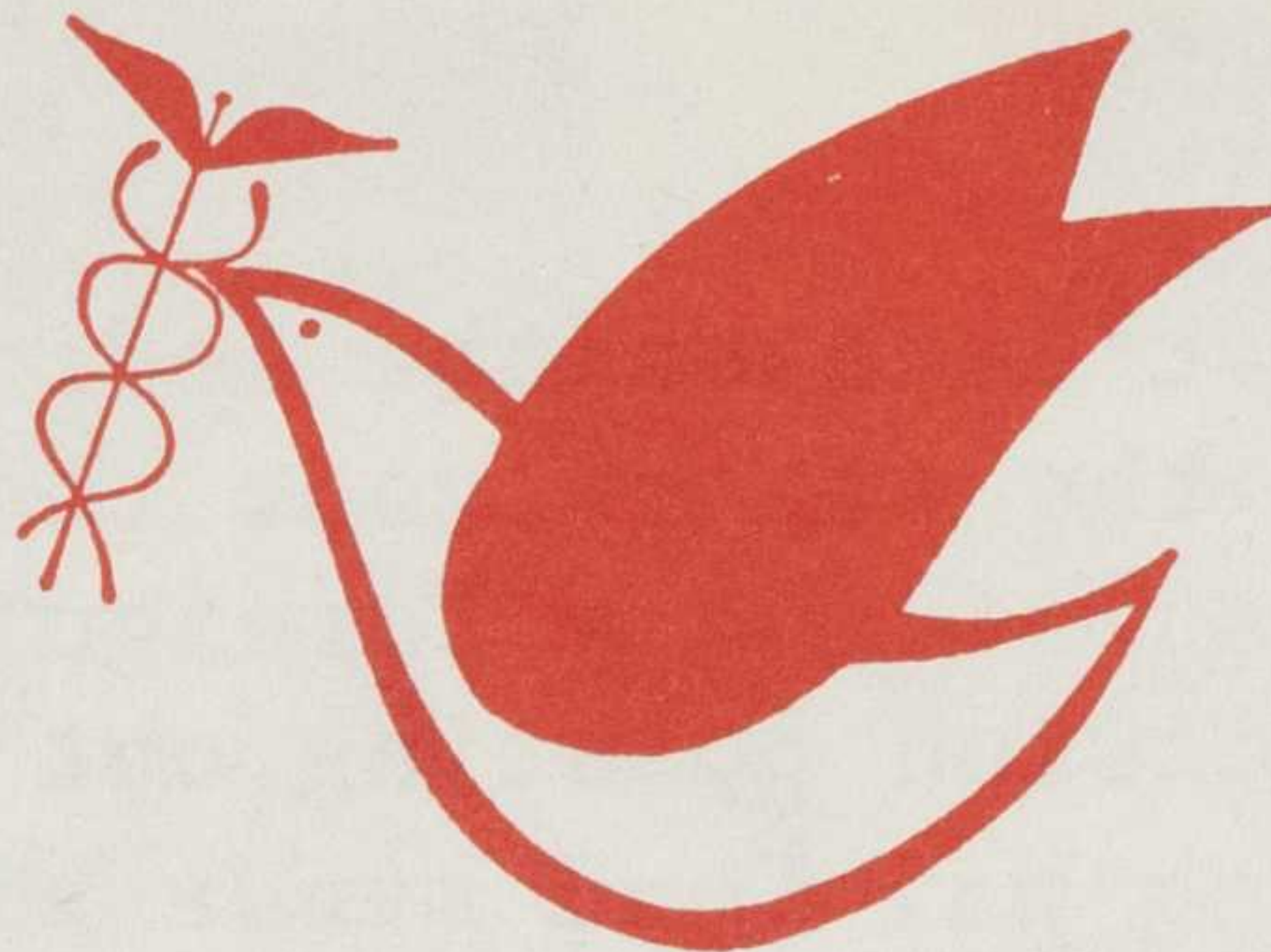


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A Special Report to you from
the Board of the Bach Mai Fund

Dear Friend,

The greatest act of medical assistance to the people of Vietnam has been rendered. At long last, the war is over.

The end of the war means an end to the bombing, a time to reunite, and a chance to rebuild.

We think this is a timely moment to note that not all Americans stood idly by while Vietnam was bombed savagely from the air.

When the Bach Mai Hospital was virtually destroyed during the tragic B-52 Christmas bombings there was an outburst of shame and horror. Over 80,000 Americans contributed to the Bach Mai Fund not only to rebuild the hospital, but also to assist the entire health care system of Vietnam.

But the United States government reacted differently. Calling our deliveries of urgently needed medical supplies "trading with the enemy," our government made us apply for special commerce licenses. For over one year, the government harassed and obstructed your efforts to save lives in Indochina.

The Bach Mai Fund fought back in two ways. We vigorously fought the State Department for the licenses, while at the same time we sent doctors and friends to Vietnam each month at their own expense with hand-carried, preciousy needed medical supplies.

Only last December did we receive the necessary licenses to send and continue sending medical assistance. Immediately, a ten-ton shipment of life-saving medical supplies left JFK airport in New York directly for Vietnam where they are now in use.

The U.S. government then attacked in a different fashion. The IRS revoked our tax-deductibility citing