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Walt:

Nothing like official stationary to make you feel important! I left the margins like this to keep humble... haven't had time to go to the library and get names of books, places of residence, etc., but I thought this preliminary list would be enough to let you start tomorrow. I will be happy to dig out the stuff though maybe the folks at the center could do it faster.

On Vietnam and issues of moral and international law, Telford Taylor, teaching at Columbia, I believe, and author of a book dealing with Vietnam and the Nuremberg trials. He was one of the American prosecutors at Nuremberg. In the movie I saw where he was interviewed, it was obvious that he had undergone a few changes about our role in Vietnam, the world, etc., and I think he would be a powerful addition to the symposium.

Also on Vietnam and issues of law, Richard Falk, teaching at Princeton, and author of Vietnam and International Law, (among other books). He has worked together with Lifton, and has done good things.

It would be good to have someone from the formative days in the Kennedy era, and someone who stayed through the Johnson years — names that come to mind are McNamara, Walt Rostow, Maxwell Taylor, McGeorge Bundy...some of whom are still "unreconstructed" hawks regarding Vietnam.

The earliest accurate accounts of trouble in Vietnam came largely from reporters, David Halberstam of the Times and Gloria Emerson, who has recently written a book on her Experiences come to mind.

Insiders who became rebels would provide an informed and challenging contrast to old administration ideologues, someone like Ellsberg, or Richard Barnett, author of Roots of War.

We might think about having some other kinds of input about the effect of Vietnam on America from some un-academic sources. Perhaps some of the old protest leaders, (Hayden, Rubin, etc.), or some of the prominent poets, folk singers of the era. (Ginsburg, Dylan, Peter, Paul and Mary, Joan Baez, etc.) I don't know what the possibility of getting some of these people would be, but I think it would provide the "people's" report on the effect on Vietnam, and we might gain some insight that would not be forthcoming from professors, law experts, etc. I guess I feel that some of these folks were in part of the maelstrom we are trying to learn about, and would be important in a discussion of this kind. I know you'll understand this, but am not sure about the folks at the center.

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Well, this is kind of off the top of my head, though I thought about names and stuff last night, after we talked. I can come up with others if it seems necessary, but this is a start. I hope it's enough ammunition for tomorrow. If there is more I can do before you go out, I could tonight, and will follow-up in whatever way I can.

Cheers for new BMW's and fishing at Cachuma, (and Chester).

Ed