



Of Many Things

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The Administration is getting rougher in dealing with critics of its Vietnam policy. The cryptic weekend announcement from the ranch that the FBI is "watching anti-war activity" was the most dramatic symptom. On a quieter level there are derogatory private memoranda and off-the-record briefings about some activists—including one whose record of political independence is beyond dispute. And the Insider's Newsletter reports that, at a recent Washington dinner party, there occurred "an important State Dept. official's phony declaration that Sen. Fulbright's wife was trying to persuade her husband to see a psychiatrist."

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Associates report that Vice President Humphrey, who suffered a rough public-relations beating over his meeting with Georgia's Gov. Maddox, privately offers a sad footnote to their rendezvous. Maddox, it is reported, assured Humphrey he would not join Alabama's Wallaces in their rebellion and added: "You know, many of my segregationist friends accuse me of selling out." Humphrey is said to have replied: "You know some of my friends say the same thing about me."

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Aides of Sen. Kennedy say that he anticipates no significant Garrison inquiry in New Orleans. One of his trusted deputies has been quietly exploring the developing story.

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Kenneth Galbraith commented wryly the other night on Dean Rusk's repeated assertion that many dissident Americans would take a different view of Vietnam if they had lived through the Munich era. "He makes it sound as if no one under 40 has the right to an opinion now," Galbraith observed.

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