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Dear Sylvia,

I found this quotation of Secretary of Defense Mc Namara before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee too delicious not to share.

"I find it inconceivable that anyone ---- could suspect the existence of a conspiracy ---- . Austin adds, "The insinuation that the committee was alleging the existence of a conspiracy, was deeply offensive to Fulbright."

Of course, the point of reference was Tonkin Bay, an event which subsequent studies reveal to be the fulcrum of a massive conspiracy.

"The point, however, is that a "conspiracy" implication will usually ward off further analysis or search.

Sincerely,

