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The sentence on the well-known phrase - was it J.P.'s - that was too important to leave to the generals as I read the Pentagon papers (Banta), in short, disjointed snatches. To me the least significant part, the least informative contents, in continuation of this view. History already records that simply, and not with our treasury alone. To me the more significant disclosures can now, really, be considered new or disclosures, again no more than confirmation of what any intelligent analysis of what was public had to show. Government is too important to leave to the politicians. Interpretations of fact, decisions and recommendations on policy, all are too important to leave to the bureaucrats or professional scholars within the government.

The logical extension of this is crucial. Even if it can't really work here. Perhaps the single most conspicuous thing in the reading I have done to date is that nobody had any capacity for really learning, or, at least, had not the courage to come out with it.

The more expressive part is that all of it could have been the end product of a... (unclear) at least all the things that were involved here, all of whom had... (unclear) interest in what others thought, and was done and not done.

Nobody in the... (unclear) had any... (unclear) of the war projects or the overall policy... (unclear) of means... (unclear) of the... (unclear) to... (unclear) all... (unclear) brains and... (unclear) of the situation, the people, their history... (unclear) from history, some... (unclear) to...

The last thing I read in... (unclear) justification of... (unclear) based on his experience studying strategic... (unclear) in... (unclear) but if he understood the study of which he has been an... (unclear) part, it had to tell him... (unclear) the... (unclear) now, if you read his... (unclear) with care, he was... (unclear) if... (unclear) the... (unclear) conditions he could later cite as... (unclear) justification for... (unclear) now, but a prediction of it because his conditions were... (unclear) not... (unclear) as they could not be.

And... (unclear) the... (unclear) is... (unclear) the... (unclear) same... (unclear) the... (unclear) was... (unclear) and... (unclear) from history is... (unclear) doomed to... (unclear) it.

What... (unclear) to be... (unclear) from... (unclear) one... (unclear) paper, made from the... (unclear) error and... (unclear) total... (unclear) of... (unclear) and... (unclear) in... (unclear) that... (unclear) are not... (unclear) needed to understand... (unclear) what they say. Everyone should have known... (unclear) what they say.