

is also first-rate actor.

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Q. What is the Ivy League opinion of Dean Rusk as Secretary of State?—T. O., New Haven, Conn.

A. He is considered an experienced and adequate Secretary, not particularly brilliant or imaginative, rather hampered by a rigid outlook. He has become the official spokesman for the most unpopular war in modern U.S. history. The academic community objects to his implication that opponents of escalation in Vietnam are similar to the appeasers of the late 1930's who thought it possible to placate Hitler. For Rusk to equate what started out as a civil war in Vietnam with Hitler's attempt to conquer Europe is regarded in some academic circles as an incredible misreading of history by a supposedly honest, perceptive, intelligent, educated man. In other circles Rusk is regarded as a pillar of wisdom, a mountain of integrity, "the best man for the job at this particular time." The majority of Ivy League professors have long been considered liberal, in some cases left of center.