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Don't return the attached, which is an extra copy.

The marked section dealing with the Bay of Pigs is puzzling. Yesterday, May 31, a Pacific reporter in Washington put it a little differently, attributing to Haldeman a statement that Nixon was "more concerned with activities concerning the Bay of Pigs" than with current operations. Of course, this has all come through McClellan or some other committee spokesman, plus one or more reporters who may have misunderstood or at least failed to understand what was potentially involved, if anything. So it's hard to know just what was meant.

However, as it stands, the inference is that Haldeman more or less dragged the Bay of Pigs, now 10 years old and more) into the discussion more or less by the heels. If so, why? No doubt there is a reasonable explanation, but none has been forthcoming if Pastore, who was there, finds it "a little far-fetched."

A quite different possibility remains, that Haldeman was sending a signal of some kind to someone, possibly GL. Could he have meant, for instance, that GL SHOULD have been more interested in the BofP and subsequent events and that he would do well to consider them now?

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