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12/18/72 Js, HR. Fortunately I got too tired to do my usual work just before dark, having been outside from lunch taking down a wild cherry tree. Tired, I decided to give National Public Radio's news (All Things Considered) another chance. It seems they tonight began a long series on Viet Nam. I think they said two weeks of it. Tonight their feature was Halberstam, a segment in each of the three parts. They also had Gelb and someone from Brookings whose name I've forgotten. Eliminating the news part and not knowing how much (I think not much) I missed on the first side of the cassette, there is more than 30 mins of the 90 of the show on just this. I'll try to tape all and will all I can, for either or both of you. Halberstam was interesting in his estimates and characterizations of the key people as in other things not new to you. If the reviews are dependable, I'd say his attitude toward JFK is shifting. Neither of you has to want these tapes, but I'll try to have them in the event one or both would like to hear. Of course, I have no idea what will follow. ...The day's news is not good, as it relates to home or foreign policy and events. The things I've been noting about administration pressure on National Public TV are extended very much and the banning of the Post's society-page reporter from the White House I think is the opening shot. HW

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