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Nr. Nixon deflected a question about his response to
those who regard massive bombings in Vietnam as a war
crime. He noted his Quaker heritage and consequent
distaste for war. This, he said, would apply also to
activities in Vietnam, if they were carried on in a
vacuum.

But they are not in a vacuum, the President said, for American involvement in Vietnam is important both to self-determination for Vietnam and to discouraging aggression elsewhere.