## New Tonkin Inquiry To Call McNamara

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 -The Senate Foreign Relations Committee decided today to reexamine the Administration's account of the Gulf of Tonkin incidents by calling Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara for further testimony.

The effect of the committee's action was to elevate what had been a personal staff study ordered by its chairman, Senator J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas, into a formal investigation of an episode that proved to be critical in American involvement in the Vietnam war.

The Gulf of Tonkin incidents, in which two American de-

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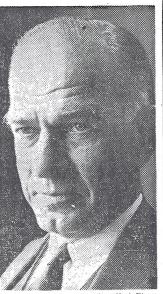
stroyers reportedly came under attack by North Vietnamese PT boats in early August of 1964, became a turning point in the war. In retaliation, the Ad-ministration ordered the first bombing raids against North Vietnam and obtained Con-gressional approval of a reso-lution endorsing "all necessary measures" taken by the Adthe Auministration to prevent "fur-ther aggression" in Southeast

Now, three and one half years later, the Senate com-mittee is questioning whether

mittee is questioning whether the Administration presented or was aware of all the facts in the reported attacks when it asked Congress for the resolution, which Under Secretary of State Nicholas deB. Katzenbach was later to describe as "a functional equivalent" of a declaration of war against North Vietnam.

The committee is not somuch challenging whether the destroyers came under attack, although there are some doubts among committee members about the nature of the second attack, which took place on the night of Aug. 4, 1964, against the destroyers Maddox and Turner Joy. The first attack, about which there is no question, took place in daylight on Aug. 2 against the Maddox.

Rather, the committee is no many the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the indicated and another crisis involving the seizure of an American intelligible to the committee was questioning the Administration in the comments of Senator J. W. Fulbright, the committee staff study, that he position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impugn the Administration in the position of seeming to impu



tee's decision, Senator bright said the com bright committee wanted Mr. McNamara to appear to "review certain aspects" of the Tonkin incidents. "review certain as-When pressed by reporters as to precisely what the committee wanted to "review" with Mr. McNamara, Senator Fulbright repeatedly replied: "I don't want to discuss that."

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But Senator Eugene J. Mc-Carthy of Minnesota; who is campaigning for the Democratic Presidential nomination in pro-test against the Administra-tion's Vietnam policies, was less inhibited in discussing the committee's objectives.