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General Haig's choice of words is not only an anguished response to the President's problems but a peculiarly striking manifestation of the attitudes which produced those problems in the first place. JOHN V. WHITBECK New York, Feb. 8, 1974