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Editor — I strongly disagree with Charles McCabe's assessment of the Nixon-Rather confrontation at the March 19 news conference. Granted that Rather's question was somewhat involved, but, given Mr. Nixon's most characteristic intransigence and given the extremely delimited dimensions of this forum in which rebuttal is, in fact, proscribed, Rather should be commended for his great ability to expose the ineptness of the doubletalk that has become so predictable in Mr. Nixon's utterances. Who else asked any real questions?

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