

No disagreement with your comments on the Soviet subs story. I also agree with your disagreements with what Nossiter says. You come closer to a rational explanation than anything I've seen. Self-starters or not, I can't believe that under ordinary circumstances any Soviet subs would pull a caper like this. They may have had more than one objective (like Pueblo, etc). Regardless, I think the whole thing was hairbrained. It interests me that the whole thing seems to have dropped completely dead, rather unusual for so flagrant a violation of so many things. HW 1/26/73

Afterthought on USSR subs/Norway: I thought we were always tracking all of their subs, wherever. If this is the official line, there may well have been more consternation in Washington than in Norway. If this is the case, there may have been still another objective and I'd say it was achieved. HE 1/26/73

Re our discussion GL's mind: Saw him twice on TV tonight at LBJ's funeral, profile views from each side. I'd swear he was made-up! He knew, of course, that cameras would be there. HW 1/25/73

Dear Historian, a suggestion. I've sent you and the Whites today's Post's VN coverage. I've kept the Times' for myself, as I presume you will. Between them you should have full or pretty full texts of the agreements, in the U.S. version. I'll not be surprised if there is a difference in the texts because that serves US.S. interests. So, the suggestion is that you keep the US texts and see if you can at some point get the VN texts in their translation into English. You may later want it other than on this subject, as a case study. HE 1/25/73

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