

✓ Ramparts ✓

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Dear George:

At yesterday's Ramparts hearing I was tempted to be as unethical as Mr. Hinckle and Mr. Sheinbaum have repeatedly been during this controversy, and then thought better of it.

You will recall that as we were walking away from the Jack Tar Hotel I looked in my brief case for the quote that I had thought of using and then had changed my mind. Here it is.

Robert Scheer is one of the editors of the Ramparts magazine and the author of the black bulletin distributed about a year ago thoroughly condemning the present United States role in Vietnam and devoting a good deal of space to most of the charges that were subsequently made in the Ramparts magazine. In the July 1965 issue of Ramparts, the following is a quote from a statement by Mr. Scheer.

The Vietcong are the just men--noble, proud, defiant, idealistic, spiteful, extremely petty, and jealous of their prerogatives. One cannot help but hope that they win. Few have so earned their chance at history.

The following quote is from a statement given over radio station WMCA in New York on May 6, 1966, by Mr. Warren Hinckle, the same gentleman who appeared before you yesterday.

So the article was particularly under those areas. It discussed first of all how the United States originally got involved in Vietnam. Michigan State University played a large and major role in this in that they gave credibility and armaments and ability to crush

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political legitimate opposition to the Diem government. . . . The university project was supposed to be an academic and institutional project, in fact it was principally involved in supplying the guns and ammunition in a police-state apparatus to a man later exposed as a dictator.

And then later:

And secondly, the incredible revelation that for six years Michigan State University helped install, finance, operate, and arm the dictatorship of Ngo Diem.

There is much more to this, but that is enough.

Sincerely,

President

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(Dictated by President Hannah; signed in his absence.)