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So far the stories have been good but the Malcom Browne and Paul Kattenburg stories have been the most disappointing but for different reasons. I think the Kattenburg story, for me, summarized the whole American thinking of how we should deal with Vietnam. The new administration would come in and just keep on doing what the old administration was doing. I just can't see why we couldn't come up with some new ideas and why people who have never been to Vietnam, think what is good for one country is good for another, were making all the decisions, couldn't someone just think outside the box. But the biggest reason the story was disappointing was when one man, Kattenburg, says "I think it would be better we just left with honor" everybody looks at him like he is the black sheep and not even listen, and instead of listening and hear what he has to say, they send him to another job where they don't have to listen to him anymore.

The Malcom Browne story was disappointing in a different way, I thought the story, either the author or the story teller, didn't do a very good job of telling the story about the Buddhist monk, when he set himself on fire. The story told what happened and let us see the relationship between the Browne and the monks, I thought the monks were using him to get noticed by the press, but I thought the story lacked something. I have seen the pictures before, but the description of the event was not as good as I thought it could have been, so I was very disappointed.

The Kattenburg story even though disappointing, had some positive aspects or lessons to it. I was glad to see some new young people sitting in on the National Security Council Executive Committee meetings, it showed me that maybe the administration was looking for new ideas or a new perspective on Vietnam. It also was nice to see someone, Kattenburg, say something about Vietnam, even if he didn't mean too, that was different than just sending more troops or advisors. It's just good to see a new idea and that maybe some people are starting to think of new ways to look at and deal with Vietnam. I do wish he would have made a statement to Kennedy, but it takes more than one man to stand up to the American administration. So in all If you think something isn't right, stand up and say something, because if you think it isn't right, you are probably not the only one that thinks it isn't right and that is lesson that everyone needs to learn or know.

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