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FULBRIGHT ATTESTS TO HELMS' COMPETENCE

COMBS: "Fortunately, that rhubarb about a letter written by the top man of the CIA interpreted as unflattering to Senator Fulbright, is over. But it seemed to me that the Senator from Arkansas displayed real magnanimity in accepting the apology of CIA Director Helms. But Helms readily owned up to the matter, which praised a newspaper editorial critical of Fulbright, acknowledged that it was a mistake and offered his apologies, which were accepted. I thought Fulbright performed a real public service in attesting to Helms' competence."

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COMBS: "That editorial in the St. Louis Globe Dispatch (sic) which Helms commended in a letter written by a subordinate, was chiefly complimentary of the CIA, but, in addition to praising the CIA, it took a poke at Senator Fulbright -- an allusion which apparently Helms didn't catch."

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