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In Panama, we run the risk of appearing to be a great bully.

Fulbright Expands on His Views

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WASHINGTON — Sen. J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.) appears to be a little startled by the interest created by his speech last week on U.S. foreign policy.

The speech was planned as one of the reviews of policy trends he has delivered every six months or so, he said.

"This one just caught more attention than most," he said.

The major purpose, he added, was to encourage greater public discussion of foreign policy.

Here, in question and answer form, he expands on the views expressed in the Senate speech:

Q — What is the role of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and its chairman in the formation of U.S. foreign policy?

A — Members of the committee are exposed to a great many briefings from people in all walks of life. Any member of the committee should have more acquaintance with what's going on and what's developing (in foreign policy) than the average man. It is perfectly proper for us to comment on it.

The role of the Senate is advice and consent. My speech was an exercise of the Senate's advice function. The late Sen. Arthur Vandenberg often said he wanted to be in on the take-offs as well as the crash landings.

(Owing to changed circumstances) I have not been able to influence the development of policy as Vandenberg . . . the Democrats are now in such a large majority they'll probably be able to prevail whether or not I agree.

Q — What were your aims in making this speech and did you anticipate the interest and controversy it has stirred?

A — I believe it is helpful for the government and the people to know what the issues of the moment are. I have tried to make such reviews every six months or so.

This one just caught more attention than most.

I don't think this was particularly critical or an attack on the administration. It was an analysis of what we've been doing over the course of many years. My remarks were addressed to the people rather than the administration.

I was seeking to stimulate debate . . . Beginning with the McCarthy era, it became difficult for politicians or State Department officials to speak frankly. The man who did was likely to be attacked as a fellow traveler or a dupe.

The attack was on persons rather than the reasonableness of their ideas . . . both Millers—Sen. Jack Miller (R., Iowa) and Rep. William E. Miller (R., N.Y.) — showed a bit of this by suggesting I was an appeaser.

Q — You stirred quite an uproar in your remarks about Cuba.

A — I meant what I did say, not what I have been said to have said. That is, that Cuba is not a great danger to the United States but is to Latin America.

I wanted to distinguish the present from the time when Cuba was a danger directly to the United States, under the missile situation. A large



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Chairman J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, rocked the country last week with a critical review of current trends in foreign policy. Here Fulbright expands on his views in an interview with William R. MacKay of the Chronicle.

number of editorial writers and other critics ignored my statement that Cuba does continue to pose a danger to Latin America.

Then how do we deal with Cuba? We should work through the Organization of American States. The OAS committee has now reported on the Venezuela situation (the Castro shipment of arms to Venezuelan subversives) to the OAS council. The council should now ask the American foreign ministers to approve the report. Then measures — legal measures — could be taken.

It is very important as we proceed to have the support of the Latin American countries themselves.

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Q — Some critics of present policy toward Latin America have urged adoption of a policy of firmness, saying firmness will command respect and attention in Latin America.

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