

believe that's what has occurred here. It has now become almost an issue of if you're for the President being allowed to do whatever the program was, somehow then you're anti this or anti that. And if you're against it and if you want to repudiate and denounce the President for doing this, then somehow you've gained some nobility and you've atoned properly for the sins of World War II. Senator Chambers has described war. He has described a little piece of war on one side. Senator Chambers, I would submit to you that war is war is war whether it be American soldiers, German soldiers, Russian soldiers, Vietnamese soldiers, Chinese, or whatever, and the essence of war is savagery and to pretend otherwise is to ignore the facts. Let me cite some for you our own Phoenix program, our most successful program, in my opinion, in Vietnam. The Governor, Bob Kerrey, and Bill Colby and I were discussing that one night. Bill Colby was the inventor of the Phoenix Program. A number of others of us were involved in it. Today it has officially been labelled the Assassin Program. We interrogated people, 88,000; 44,000 of them just happened to die during our interrogations. Now that's a fact. Calley, Calley, was he a savage? Well, if you want to take Vietnam, there were enough Calleys and enough My Lais to go around on both sides. If you want to talk the Battle of the Bulge and the evils of the German soldiers, read the stories of the American soldiers and how they didn't take a single prisoner for three weeks. Let me tell you something else about war. It's the single most exciting pleasurable event that you're going to engage in. Maybe because it does denude you of your civility and that thin veneer of civilization that mankind has managed to put on himself that allows us to stand at microphones here and discuss this without going at each other with hatchets, wars quickly strips that thin veneer away on both sides, on all sides. And, yes, the savagery of World War II on the part of the Germans and the SS was as atrocious as anything that has ever occurred, almost as atrocious as what's been occurring in Russia during the Stalin era, almost as atrocious as what probably occurred in China during the Great Revolution, almost as atrocious as some of the events in Vietnam. War is war and that's what we're trying to forget and that's why a relatively simple event should have been left that way.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: Bitburg historically is where the last