

escalate, or where we should bomb, or how we should run this war. These are the same men who wouldn't think about venturing these opinions without information on a local program, but they are doing it in Vietnam and they are doing it because they feel forced to take a position. And if they are Republicans they apparently feel forced to find some trouble or problem with the President's stature at the present time on this subject.

Q. Governor, is there any possibility that you have been brain-washed on this subject?

A. No, but this is something that I feel very strongly about. How can you make a judgment without accurate information?

Q. Well, that was a facetious way of putting a serious question, Governor.

A. I understand.

Q. Governor, have you had a chance to expound your feelings to the other national leaders in the Republican Party? If so, was there any reaction?

A. Well, I guess I have informally expounded these feelings to a few people, not to any of the people who are apparent candidates who are making the statements, personally. I just haven't had a chance to be with these people.

Q. Governor, do you still support the President on the Vietnam issue?

A. Yes, I do. I support the President 100 percent until someone shows me that what he's doing is not the proper solution to the problem. I think he's a conscientious person who has the interest of the United States at heart. I think he's got the best information available to make judgments on, and certainly I wouldn't attempt to find any fault with what he's doing unless I had impeccable information that he was wrong.

Q. From what information you have got, do you think the United States can continue to pursue President Johnson's policy in Vietnam and still continue to do the kind of things in the cities that you outlined?

A. Well, I don't have the information to answer that. I don't have any information about the Vietnamese war except what I read in the newspapers.