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A Season of Inquiry: Congress and Intelligence

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the prevailing racial atmosphere in the navy of that era but also into its methods of dealing with people in a wartime environment.

As a consequence of the public attention engendered by the Port Chicago incident, black navy men were dispersed more widely than they had been and the service took steps toward reducing discrimination before President Harry Truman's watershed executive order that integrated the armed services in 1948.

Throughout the text, Dr. Allen portrays the viewpoint of the black ammunition-handlers. Given the progress that the navy has made in the last forty-five years regarding racial awareness, his description is valuable in pointing out how much needed to be changed. It is not easy for a group of men to refuse to do their duty in wartime, but this book helps us to understand why these men did so and to sympathize with their plight.

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Johnson, Loch K. *A Season of Inquiry: Congress and Intelligence*. Chicago: Dorsey Press, 1988. 317pp.

This is a new but apparently unchanged edition of a book originally published in 1985 about the 1975 Senate inquiry into alleged "abuses" by the U.S. intelligence community. According to the author, it was republished in the wake of the Iran-Contra scandal which had indicated that such abuses have continued

despite the establishment of a formal congressional oversight structure that resulted from earlier congressional investigations. The author was a staff assistant of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities, which became known as the "Church Committee" because it was chaired by Senator Frank Church (D. Idaho).

While the substance of the intelligence abuses uncovered by the investigation—assassination attempts, illegal telephone taps, etc.—are interesting in their own right, this book is really about the Church Committee: the senators, the staffers, the politics, and the problems involved when one branch of the government attempts to investigate another. Johnson details the inner workings of the Church Committee and provides a fascinating study of congressional activities—a "primer on how the Senate works," as a reviewer of the first edition stated. The author provides an insider's viewpoint of how that political power is manifested in Washington, along with the personal ambitions, jealousies, and priorities of our congressional leaders at work. It is well worth reading.

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Smith, Stuart W. *Douglas Southall Freeman on Leadership*. Newport, R.I.: Naval War College Press. 1990. 262pp.

Shelby Foote is probably the best known Civil War historian alive,