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Dear Mr. Lamb,

Watching your recent series of retrospective shows about the year of 1968 brought back some distinct personal memories of mine.

For openers, I graduated from college ([REDACTED]) in May, 1968. Our commencement speaker was the late Leon Jaworski. In his address, Mr. Jaworski used as his theme that men of all levels of society were not above the law in regard to their personal actions. His context was the racial riots of 1967 and 1968, as well as the anti-war demonstrations of those years as well. It is ironic that Leon Jaworski used that same thrust as the basis for his Watergate investigations and prosecutions.

My next memory is receiving my 1-A classification from my local draft board about three or four days after graduation. I remember that this status came up during an interview at an employment agency a couple of weeks later. No one wanted to hire some one who was draftable. The end result was my decision not to actively seek any significant employment.

After ac couple of months of self-imposed "goofing-off", I gave serious thought to going in the military. After some consideration, I joined the Army for a two year hitch (regular-not draftee). This brings up two more memories of a very momentous year. I reported for active duty in August. For the first 2 or 3 weeks of Army life, I was fairly isolated from the regular world at my base at Fort Bliss Texas. On our first break from training, a trip to the PX, I saw my first newspapers and magazines. They all spoke of the "Chicago riots". I really didn't know what they meant. It took some time to realize that I had missed the riots at the Democratic National Convention.

My last major memory of 1968 was the election itself. The normal lights out time in my barracks was 10:00 PM. Since the election was so close, the late news on TV did not not any conclusive results. I kept sneaking down from my room to the recreation room to monitor the election results. It didn't shift to my candidate, Richard Nixon, until almost 1:00 AM.

All in all, a rather eventful year. Thanks a lot for your shows. I really liked the segment featuring Hal Bruno and Pat Buchannan. I will appreciate hearing from you concerning my observations of 1968.

Yours truly,

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