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Old Habits Die Hard: An Historian of Vietnam Watches the Ken Burns/Lynn Novick Documentary: *The Vietnam War*

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