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Subject: Re: 1963 riot

I have already sent you a response but was thinking about another aspect of it with my reference to the Marine Corps. The "panty raid" was spontaneous with rather amorphous goals and no leader, but you could see the power of it. It was also easily disbursed. As I think of my Marine Corps training, I realized that that is what the Marine Corps does - it take individual and breaks them down (See the movie Officer and a Gentleman). It creates a leader and gives you goal. It creates the mob in the form of a Company, A Battalion or a Division. It creates the excitement, spirit, energy and drive for the unit to create havoc and mayhem. Even the mindset that the individual should give up his or her life for the benefit of the group. Isn't that what war is all about. Now you can argue about the validity of the War if you want. At any rate at some point, I opted out of the group so to speak by becoming a pilot. That way I was not part of the posse but was more like the Lone Ranger. I saw in the Palm Beach Post the other day where the aircraft I flew in Vietnam has been revised somewhat and has gone from a CH53 A or D as I flew to a CH53K model. A few nuances but basically the same aircraft. They cost \$118M per aircraft. As the Lone Ranger, the CH 53 was my trusty "Silver" and my wingman if I had one was my Tonto. Pretty heady stuff for a 24 year old only a few years separated from a "Panty raid".

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