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Mr. President:

As we wait for some word about what may be happening at Khe Sanh, it helps to remember that these are always trying periods for Commanders (or Commanders-in-chief).

General Eisenhower, after refusing to allow Prime Minister Churchill to accompany the D-Day invasion forces expressed his thoughts: "Nevertheless, my sympathies were with the Prime Minister. Again I had to endure the interminable wait that always intervenes between the final decision of the high command and the earliest possible determination of success or failure in such ventures.

I spent the time visiting troops that were to participate in the assault. ...I found the men in fine fettle, many of them joshingly admonishing me that I had no cause for worry since the 101st (one brigade of the 101st is now at Hue in the I Corps) was on the job and everything would be taken care of in fine shape".

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