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Edward Kennedy letter, April 25, 1973: Document Analysis

Important Phrases: Which are the most powerful phrases in the letter? Choose three phrases.

Phrase 1: _____

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

Phrase 2: _____

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

Phrase 3: _____

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

Critical Thinking Questions: Examples from the text must be cited in answering these questions.

1) Why did Senator Kennedy write to Mr. Thursby?

2) Why does Kennedy say the war is finally over? Can you contradict that statement?

3) What is the overall tone of Kennedy's letter?

4) How did Kennedy prioritize the tasks that would lead to “healing” in the aftermath of the war? Is any of this potentially troubling?

5) What limitations did Kennedy place on amnesty as a policy?

6) Who is exempted from amnesty? What does Kennedy say should be the consequences of their actions?

7) Who are the “others”? How does Kennedy reference the policy of Andrew Johnson on amnesty?

8) Why did Kennedy defer a final solution to granting amnesty?
