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Why did he have so much trouble with Field-Marshal Montgomery?
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Just how did he bring the Korean War to an end within months of becoming president?
What did he really think of Richard Nixon?

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