Chapter 1 - Growing Up

Page 28 - caliche soil – a crust of calcium carbonate that forms on the stony soil of arid regions

Page 45 - approbation – act of approving formally or officially

Chapter 2 - Education and the Dream of Success

Page 62 - quietism – a state of calmness or passivity

Chapter 3 - The Making of a Politician

Page 84 - NYA – National Youth Administration

Page 92 – characterological – the study of character including its development and its differences in different individuals

Chapter 4 - Rise to Power in the Senate

Page 125 - myocardial infarction – heart attack

Page 127 – derogate – to cause to seem inferior, disparage

Page 131 – legerdemain – display of skill or adroitness

Chapter 5 - The Senate Leader

P 149 Title III – authorized the federal government to dispatch agents into the South to protect a wide variety of civil rights

Chapter 6 - The Vice-Presidency

Chapter 7 - The Transition Year

Page 187 – encomium – glowing and warmly enthusiastic praise

Page 206 – peripatetic – moving or traveling from place to place

Chapter 8 – The Great Society

Page 221 – arrogate – to claim or seize without justification, to make undue claims to having

Page 229 – inchoate – being only partly in existence or operation

Chapter 9 – Vietnam

Page 253 – consonant – being in agreement or harmony

Page 227 – unfreedom – opposite of freedom

Page 268 – sacralization – to treat or make sacred

No word in the Vietnamese language corresponded exactly to the personal pronoun “I”.

Chapter 10 Things Go Wrong

Page 297 – OPA, WLB, WPB in World War II

OPA – Office of Price Administration, WLB – War Labor Board,

WPB – War Production Board

Page 297 – simpering – smiling in a silly manner

Page 306 – suasion – the act of influencing or persuading

Chapter 11 – Under Siege in the White House

Page 322 – diatribe – a bitter and abusive speech or writing

Page 324 – petulant – insolent or rude in speech or behavior

Chapter 12 – The Withdrawal

Epilogue

Page 356 – captious - critical

Page 356 – lassitude - weariness