The Most Dangerous Man in America

*The Most Dangerous Man in America* is a documentary about Daniel Ellsberg and the release of the Pentagon Papers. The film covers Ellsberg’s life, his decision to release the top secret documents, and the Supreme Court decision that shaped modern free press in the United States.

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Questions:

1. How did Daniel Ellsberg describe the beginnings of the Vietnam Conflict?

2. What was unique about the Gulf of Tonkin incident?

3. What was the “McNamara Study,” when was it commissioned, and what conclusions did it draw?


5. What did Ellsberg go through before leaking the Pentagon Papers to the media?

6. Why did he release the documents to so many newspapers?
7. What did the *New York Times* have to consider before printing these documents?

8. How did President Nixon and his Justice Department react when it learned the *New York Times* possessed these top secret documents?

9. Should Dan Ellsberg have gone to jail?


11. What was the Supreme Court’s ruling, and do you feel it was the correct one?

12. What impact did the decision have on the role of the press in America?

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