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Interviewer (Oates): Well now how about this service in the Senate, Joe? When were you first elected from Wisconsin?

Senator McCarthy: 1946, Oates.

Interviewer (Oates): In 1946. That was just shortly after the war and...

Senator McCarthy: Right

Interviewer (Oates): ... I understand, of course, that you are a Marine with active service overseas.

Senator McCarthy: That is correct.

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Interviewer (Oates): And in just what capacity in the Marine Corps?

Senator McCarthy: I was what they referred to as a Marine Combat Intelligence Officer. That meant you did about everything, including -- well we don't use the word stealing food from the Navy -- let's call it procuring food from the Navy.

Interviewer: [Laughter] Being an old Navy man I know what you mean. Twyla over here has been itching to ask a little bit about that war service. Twyla, what's that question you have?

Interviewer (Twyla): Well, I understand that Senator McCarthy was given a plaque by some of his buddies when he left, and the inscription on it I'm sure will be of interest to our listeners.

Senator McCarthy: Uh-oh, somebody's been talking to you Twyla. Yes, I got a very interesting mahogany plaque when I left. It was inscribed to Father Mac -- who destroyed more coconut trees and less Japs than any man in the Pacific.

Interviewer (Twyla): [Laughter] I think that's wonderful.

Senator McCarthy: I'm not sure they weren't absolutely correct, too.

Interviewer (Oates): You think that's about right, huh? How about this Father Mac? Was that the nickname the boys tagged to you then?

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Senator McCarthy: Well I was sort of the old man of the squadron, and I was 33 years old and most of the boys were 21, 22, 19, 20.

Interviewer (Oates): Well now, let's see, you were about 33, what does make you now? Let's really build up a character here.

Senator McCarthy: Forty-one now.

Interviewer (Oates): Forty-one.