

Top-level U.S. team meets top-level South Vietnamese team in Honolulu, February 8, 1966. *Left to right:* Dean Rusk, Premier Nguyen Cao Ky, Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge (behind Ky), President Johnson, Robert S. McNamara, and Head of State Nguyen Van Thieu. *Wide World Photos.*



President Johnson in a television address, March 31, 1968, says: "I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my Party for another term as your President."



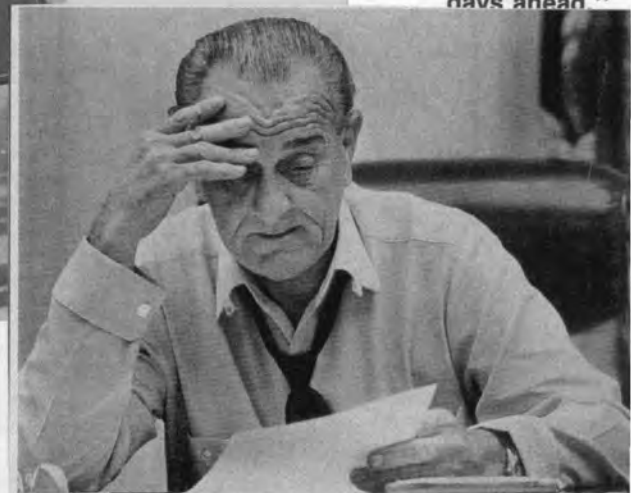
Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford
—Appointed in 1968 after Tet, he steered the Johnson Administration away from any further escalation of the war.



President Lyndon B. Johnson
—As 1967 closed he was publicly optimistic about the future of the war. But in private he warned the Australian cabinet of "dark days ahead."



President Johnson and his top advisers at Camp David, Maryland, after conferring on Vietnam, April 10, 1968. *Left to right:* Defense Secretary Clark Clifford, U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam Ellsworth Bunker, the President, Ambassador-at-large Averell Harriman, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, General Earle Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Assistant Secretary of State William Bundy, Presidential Adviser Walt Rostow. *Wide World Photos.*



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