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### • **Special Reports, 1953 - 1982**

1,348 documents from the United States Information Agency on the Vietnam War and on the impact of race relations in the U.S. on American foreign policy. These materials are held by NARA's [Civilian Records](#) (College Park, MD).

Search Hint: To retrieve the 1,348 digitized documents:

- a. Go to <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>.

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#### • Daily Journals, April 01, 1963 - August 11, 1972

A 20 page Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Assistant Chief for Operations MACJ3 report from 21 February 1968. These materials are held by NARA's [Modern Military Records](#) (College Park, MD).

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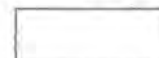
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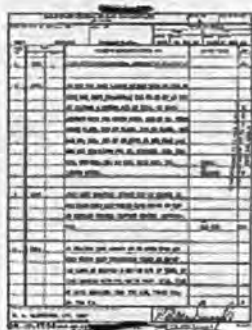
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ARC Identifier: 305364, Title: "Military Assistance Command--Vietnam, J3, Daily Staff Journal or Duty Officer's Log, 21 February 1968, 02/21/1968"

• **Daily Journals, December 16, 1967 - February 26, 1972**

A 17 page Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, 2/501st Infantry, Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (S-3), Daily Journal report. These materials are held by NARA's Modern Military Records(College Park, MD).

Search Hint: To retrieve the 17 page digitized document:

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- Select the limit results radio button for 100.
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### • Medal of Honor Awards Case Files, 1964 - ca. 1972

9 documents from the Congressional Medal of Honor case file for Clifford Sims. 11 Documents have been digitized from the Congressional Medal of Honor case file for Joe Hooper. These materials are held by NARA's Modern Military Records (College Park, MD).

Search Hint: To retrieve the 19 digitized documents:

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- Enter **Clifford Sims or Joe Hooper** in the **Keywords** box.
- Select the limit results radio button for 100.
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ARC Identifier: 305382, Title: "Draft of Citation for Congressional Medal of Honor to be Awarded to Clifford C. Sims, Staff Sergeant, Company D, Second Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, for actions at the Battle of Hue, 21 February 1968, ca. 03/12/1968"

### • Photographic Evaluation Reports, January 1963 - January 1972

A multi-page Central Intelligence Agency report, Mission 1106, and Report on Photo Interpretability of SO-121 (Color) Film Type from Mission 1106 have been digitized. These materials are held by NARA's Cartographic and Architectural Records (Washington, DC).

Search Hint: To retrieve the digitized documents:

- Go to <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>.
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■ **KH-4A Camera System Manual, January 1963 - January 1972**

1 multi-page Central Intelligence Agency report, the KH-4 Camera System. These materials are held by NARA's [Cartographic and Architectural Records](#) (College Park, MD).

Search Hint: To retrieve the 1 multi-page digitized document:

- a. Go to <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>.
- b. Press the **Yellow** search button to go to the **Archival Descriptions Search** screen.
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- d. Enter **KH-4A Camera System** in curly braces in the **Keywords** box.
- e. Select the limit results radio button for 100.
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ARC Identifier: 305928, Title: "KH-4A Camera System Manual, 03/1967"

• **Operational Reports-Lessons Learned (ORLLS), 1965 - 1971**

A 13 page After Action Report for the Battle of Hue, 2-26 February 1968. The report was kept by the Command Historian of the United States Army, Vietnam of the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. These materials are held by NARA's Modern Military Records (College Park, MD).

Search Hint: To retrieve the 13 page digitized document:

- Go to <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>.
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ARC Identifier: 305397, Title: After Action Report, "The Battle of Hue, 2-26 February 1968", 03/10/1968



- **Electronic Records of the Combat Area Casualties File (CACF), 1967 - 1997**

2 documents have been digitized from the Combat Area Casualties Current File (CACCF) and the Documentation for the Combat Area Casualties Returned Alive File (CACRAF) have been digitized. The combined Combat Area Casualties File (CACF) database contains records on U.S. military personnel who were casualties in Cambodia, China, Laos, North Vietnam, South Vietnam, or Thailand during the conflict in Southeast Asia, also known as the Vietnam War or Vietnam War. For purposes of the (CACF), casualties were U.S. military personnel who died from any cause or who were missing in action (MIA) or prisoners of war (POW). Final records for each MIA or POW document whether he returned alive to military control or was declared dead. The Office of the Secretary of Defense began transferring separate files, known as "Current File" CACCF, final records - deceased personnel, "History File" CACHF, non-final records and "Returned Alive File" CACRAF, final records - personnel who returned alive, beginning in 1988. The (CACF) is a dynamic data base; OSD transfers an annual update of the CACF to NARA. Please note that the data files are not available online. These materials are held by NARA's [Center for Electronic Records](#) (College Park, MD). Search Hint: To retrieve the 2 digitized documents:

- Go to <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>.
- Press the **Yellow** search button to go to the **Archival Descriptions Search** screen.
- To search only for archival descriptions that have digital copies, click the **Digital Copies** search button at the top of the ARC pages.
- Enter **Combat Area Casualties** in the **Keywords** box.
- Select the limit results radio button for 100.
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ARC Identifier: 306743, Title: "Documentation for the Combat Area Casualties Current File (CACCF), as of November 1995 and as of November 1996, 1957 - 1995"

- **Selected Documents Relating to the Vietnam War**

Select documents relating to the conflict in Vietnam have been digitized. The digitized documents include a letter from Ho Chi Minh to President Harry S. Truman; selections from after action and command reports; search and rescue log entries describing rescue of downed Air Force pilot; the MACV SEER report on the "System for Evaluating

the Effectiveness of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces"; the Combined Military Interrogation Center interrogation of Viet Cong who infiltrated the United States Embassy during Tet 1968; selections from daily journals and general records; herbicide operations plans; and the Presidential Unit Citation for Company A, First Battalion, Fifth Cavalry. These materials are held by NARA's Modern Military Records (College Park, MD).

Search Hint: To retrieve the digitized documents:

- Go to <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>.
- Press the **Yellow** search button to go to the **Archival Descriptions Search** screen.
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ARC Identifier: 305274, Title: "Search and rescue log entries describing rescue of downed Air Force pilot., 03/23/1966 - 03/24/1966"

#### Selected Photographs of the Vietnam War

89 photographs relating to the conflict in Vietnam have been digitized from the Still Picture Records collection. Included are some Signal Corps photographs of army activity; images from the "General Photographic File" of the U. S. Marine Corps; photographs of U. S. Air Force activities, facilities, and personnel; and images from the general Photographic file of the Department of the Navy. These photographs are held by NARA's Still Picture Records (College Park, MD).

Search Hint: To retrieve the 89 digitized photographs:

- Go to <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>.
- Press the **Yellow** search button to go to the **Archival Descriptions Search** screen.
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- d. Enter **Vietnam** in the **Keywords** box.
- e. Select the limit results radio button for 1000.
- f. Select the box marked **Descriptions of Archival Materials linked to digital copies**
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ARC Identifier: 558511, Title: "South Vietnam - Medical evacuation patients on the deck of the Amphibious assault ship USS Tripoli (LPH-10) await transfer to the 22nd Casualty Station in Danang from which they will be sent to the States. Wounded Marines who cannot be returned to duty, or who require more than six days of hospital care are removed from the Tripoli and returned to the USA., 07/1967", Local Identifier: NWDNS-428-K-39785

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• **Selected Documents Relating to the Vietnam War, August 9, 1974 - January 20, 1977**

38 multi-page documents relating to the fall of Vietnam and subsequent events have been digitized. Included among the digitized documents are memorandums, letters, cables and minutes or meetings relating to foreign aid for South Vietnam; American prisoners of war and individuals missing in action; resettlement of refugees from Indochina; and diplomatic relations with the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Also included are documents relating to the evacuation of American nationals, television network employees, third country nationals, and South Vietnamese. These documents are held by the [Gerald R. Ford Library](#) (Ann Arbor, MI)

Search Hint: To retrieve the 38 multi-page digitized documents:

- a. Go to <http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/>.
- b. Press the **Yellow** search button to go to the **Archival Descriptions Search** screen.
- c. To search only for archival descriptions that have digital copies, click the **Digital Copies** search button at the top of the ARC pages.
- d. Enter **President (1974-1977 : Ford)** in curly braces **AND Vietnam** in the **Keywords** box.
- e. Select the limit results radio button for 100.
- f. Select the box marked **Descriptions of Archival Materials linked to digital copies**
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ARC Identifier: 186736, Title: "Memorandum from General Fred C. Weyand, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, to President Gerald R. Ford including textual and statistical reports and maps describing the situation in Vietnam., 04/04/1975"