

The Archive of the Vietnam Conflict At Texas Tech University
Lubbock, Texas 79409
Hours: 9-4 Monday - Friday

The Archive of the Vietnam Conflict at Texas Tech University is dedicated to collecting, housing and preserving material related to the nation's Vietnam experience. The Archive, in its sixth year of operation, is located on the third floor of the TTU Library in the Special Collections areas. During the Fall of 1996 the Archive will move to a new \$8.8 million facility. This building, presently under construction, will feature a state of the art conservation/preservation laboratory, special environmental controls and storage and extended hours for the Archive. Reference services available.

Microfilm and Microfiche Collections. Located in the basement of the Texas Tech Library, these include:

<i>Vietnam National Security Files, 1961-63 (John F. Kennedy National Security Files) (*)</i>	DS557.4.J64.1961/63
<i>Vietnam National Security Files, 1963-65 (Lyndon B. Johnson National Security Files) (*)</i>	DS557.4L96.1963/65
<i>Vietnam Special Subjects : National Security Files (Lyndon B. Johnson National Security Files)</i>	DS557.4L96.1963/69

Together these three collections contain reports; White House correspondence; correspondence of the State Department, Defense Department; Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, Central Intelligence Agency, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and others, documenting the United States' widening involvement in Vietnam.

<i>The War In Vietnam: Classified Histories of the National Security Council</i>	DS557.4.V54.1954/75
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Compiled by the National Security Council, these papers document developments in American involvement in the Vietnam Conflict from 1964-68. Included are White House Situation Room Reports; Papers of the Vietnam Advisory Group; daily, weekly, and special reports from General Westmoreland; briefings from U.S. ambassadors to Vietnam; messages between MACV and field commanders; and presidential communications with Vietnamese leaders. Major topics covered include: the Gulf of Tonkin incident; RVN internal politics; U.S. troop build-ups; U.S. allies; intelligence estimates of enemy strategy; the Tet Offensive; and the widening disagreement over conduct of the war.

<i>U.S. Armed Forces in Vietnam, 1954-75</i>	DS557.4.U56.1954/75
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This collection is divided into four parts and documents the history of American forces in Vietnam. Part I, Indochina Studies, includes material on military and political developments in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam prepared by South Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian officers; Part II, Lessons Learned, contains studies of strategic lessons learned from military experience in Vietnam; Part III, Reports of U.S. Army Operations, provides after action reports on military operations in Vietnam; Part IV, U.S. Army Senior officer Debriefing Reports, provides the view of senior officers on troop morale, the will of the South Vietnamese, and the successes and failures of various strategies for fighting the war.

Records of the Military Assistance Command , Vietnam (MACV) ()*

DS557.4.U64.1954/73

This collection is divided into two parts. Part I contains records primarily generated by the several headquarters and special staff sections of MACV with some documentation from Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine component commands. These include unit after-action reports, staff studies, briefings, letters, messages, technical and procedural manuals and headquarters directories. Part II primarily consists of documents generated by the Combined Intelligence Center, Vietnam (CICV) and its three branches Order of Battle, Area Analysis and Research and Analysis. These documents include a running series of monthly reports on enemy forces, training, disposition, tactics, supply and organization.

*U.S. Naval Forces , Vietnam (NAVFORV) Monthly Historical Summaries
January 1966-March 1973*

DS558.U5

This collection is comprised of the monthly command summaries of the U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam (NAVFORV). These summaries are essentially command chronologies detailing organization, intelligence reports, and operations for NAVFORV, the Coastal Surveillance Force, the River Patrol Force, and the Naval Advisory Group.

SEAL Team Command Histories, 1962-1977

DS558.U5.1962/73D

These histories are comprised of detailed, declassified, secret reports of the activities of the U.S. Navy SEAL Teams in preparation for and during operations in Vietnam.

*Vietnam, the Media, and Public Support for the War (Presidential
Documents Series)*

PN4756.V66.1986a

These National Security Files document the planning and direction of the war and White House concerns on the influence of the media and distortion of public opinion. Included are: correspondence, speeches, news conference excerpts, press clippings, briefing papers, situation reports, and war related memos prepared by Lyndon Johnson, Walt Rostow, McGeorge Bundy, John Roche and others.

*United States Air Force Contemporary Historical Examination of
Current Operations (CHECO) Reports (*)* (Some hard copies of reports are available in the Vietnam Archive, see archive personnel for details)

in acquisition

Project CHECO (Contemporary Historical Examination of Current Operations) was begun in 1962 under the direction of the Air Force chief of staff to compile, document, analyze, and report on a timely basis the new tactics, forces, techniques, materials and methods being employed by the Air Force in Southeast Asia. The collection consists of 232 reports covering all major Air Force Operations during the Vietnam Conflict. These reports were produced from documentation at hand during the war and were the primary documents employed by the Air Force to evaluate its effectiveness in Vietnam. The Archive currently possesses forty of these reports in hard copy and will receive a full set on microfilm during the Spring of 1996.

Records of the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam (+)()*

in accession

This collection contains three parts: the Fleet Marine Force Pacific Command Histories (FMFPAC) 1964-73; the III Marine Amphibious Force (III MAF) Command Histories 1964-71; and the Divisional Command Histories of the 1st Marine Division, the 3rd Marine Division, and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW). The FMFPAC records contain semiannual command chronologies which highlight successes, lessons learned, and strategy and tactics. They also

include files on VIP visits, river warfare, the CAP program, amphibious operations above the DMZ and the Khe Sahn siege. III MAF records include monthly command chronologies, Periodic Intelligence Reports (PERINTREPS), records of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, 1966 Buddhist crisis, AMERICAL Division, 1st Cavalry Division, Khe Sahn, and ARVN/III MAF combined operations. The divisional command histories section is primarily comprised of the monthly command chronologies of the units listed above.

Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files (Indochina Internal and Foreign Affairs.) 1945-1959 (+) ()* in accession

These documents originally part of Record Group 59 of the National Archives (The Central Files of the General Records of the Department of State) illuminate Indochina's, Cambodia's and Laos's political systems, governments, judiciary, finance agriculture, national resources, industry, communications, media, and relations with the United States and other nations.

John M. Echols Collection (+) in accession

The Echols Collection is comprised of monographs, speeches, government documents, etc. not readily available in most libraries. The collection represents a myriad of points of view including the U.S. government, France, Vietnam and Laos (both Communist and non-Communist), Russia, China and SEATO; including publications from antiwar groups, left-wing organizations, pro-war groups, tourist organizations, the "loyal" opposition in the U.S. and overseas, the publications of religious groups and private individuals. Highlighted topics include: background on Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia; historical antecedents of the war; effects of the on politics and society; its legal and moral aspects; economic and social effects; and the after effects of the war.

Major Archival and Document Collections

Douglas Pike Collection. Over 800 linear feet of material documenting all aspects of the Vietnam Conflict. (*)

The contents of individual series vary greatly. In general they contain: unclassified and declassified U.S. government documents and reports; captured documents; transcripts of interviews with defectors; prisoner of war interrogation reports; newspaper and periodical clippings from American, Vietnamese, Asian and European English language media; media monitoring by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) and the Department of Commerce Joint Publications Research Service (JPRS); scholarly monographs and studies; transcripts of speeches and press conferences by leaders of both sides; uncopyrighted books; monographs and similar published communist source materials; propaganda leaflets; and a number of unpublished book length manuscripts chiefly by Vietnamese.

J. Thomas Burch/National Vietnam Veterans Coalition Collection.

The National Vietnam Veterans Coalition serves as an umbrella organization coordinating the activities of some 80 veterans organizations around the country. The documentation in this collection is comprised of 40 linear feet of material concerning items of interest and activity among Vietnam veterans. Major subject areas include: Agent Orange; POW's/MIA's; support of political candidates, the activities of local veterans organizations; normalization of relations with Vietnam, disarmament, Amerasian children, South Vietnamese immigrants, etc.

The William Colby Collection. Books, official government records and other material used by the former CIA director to research and write his book, Lost Victory.

The My Lai Massacre Collection. Contains testimonies, witness reports, trial proceedings and personal recollections pertaining to the My Lai massacre. (*)

Congressional Records. 96 volumes documenting the proceedings of the House and Senate Foreign Affairs Committees regarding American Cold War and Vietnam policy. (*)

Michigan State University Advisory Group Studies. 53 volumes generated between 1955 and 1962 dealing primarily with local economic and political affairs in South Vietnam. (*)

Service Manuals Collection. 47 military training volumes primarily consisting of field manuals and civil affairs manuals dating from the early American advisory period 1955-1965. (*)

Government Publications Collection. Assorted publications generated by government agencies including the U.S. Department of State, the RAND Corporation, the National Strategy Information Center, the U.S. Marine Corps, etc. (*)

U.S. Air Force POW Oral Histories Collection. 38 transcripts of interviews with Air Force pilots and air crew shot down and imprisoned in North Vietnam. (*)

Steven Lyne Collection - Materials regarding the history and politics of the Indochina region, 1945-1960.

Manuscript Collections

Daniel M. Siewert Papers. Letters from Siewert sent home during his service with 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division 1967-1968.

James Padgett Papers. Letters, photographs, memorabilia related to Padegett's service in the Marine Corps during the war.

Clint Johnson Papers. Scrapbook and art work related to Johnson's Vietnam service.

Richard Harris Collection. Papers, memorabilia related to Army service in Vietnam.

Gene Groves Papers. Letters regarding as a mechanic and helicopter gunner with the 16th Cavalry(Air mobile)

James Haney Papers. Letters concerning Vietnamese/American relations and missionary work in Vietnam.

Oral Histories Collection. This collection primarily focuses on the service of West Texans during the Vietnam Conflict.

Interviews with:

James Vinyard
Captain R. E. Dodson, USN

Marshall Paul, USA
Luanne Stofel

Sanford Hunt, USMC
General Nguyen Khan, ARVN

David Wright, USAF
Raymond French
Pat King, USAF
Michael Cisco

Donald McBane
David Emery, USAF
Robert Wilkes, USA
John Lowery, USMC

Notes:

(*) = Finding aid available for these materials.

(+)= Currently housed in the Vietnam Archive

in acquisition = material not yet available but in the process of being acquired by the archive.

in accession = material currently in the possession of the Vietnam Archive and available for use but not yet processed. Ask archive personnel about use restrictions.