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After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam
18 - 20 April 1996
Draft Symposium Agenda (As of 29 March 1996)

Wednesday, 17 April 1996

Noon - 8:00pm Registration Desk open at Lubbock Plaza. Located in the Fountain Court. Vietnam Center staff will be pleased to assist you in any way.

8:00pm Welcoming Address: "Reliving Vietnam," Lieutenant General John H. Cushman, USA (Ret) (Dallas/Irving Room)

9:00pm (Approx) Reception at Lubbock Plaza. (Cash bar + snacks) (Atrium)

Thursday, 18 April 1996 (All Sessions in Dallas/Irving Room)

6:30am - 6:00pm Registration Desk open at Lubbock Plaza (Fountain Court)

8:15am Administrative Remarks: James R. Reckner, Director

8:30am Opening Address: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.

9:00am Session 1: Views from the Other Side

Chair/Commentator: Spencer Tucker, Texas Christian University

"A Vietnamese Perspective on American Involvement in Vietnam,"

Former South Vietnamese Ambassador Bui Diem

"China, Russia, and American Vietnam Diplomacy," George Herring, Univ. of KY

"The Soviet Union and North Vietnam,"

Ilya Gaiduk, Academy of Sciences, Moscow

10:30am Coffee Break (Pool Terrace)

10:45am Session 2: Reassessing the Threat

Chair/Commentator: James Harper, Texas Tech University

"The View from Langley: CIA Analysis of the Vietnam War,"

John Prados, Independent Scholar

"A Very Accurate Threat Assessment: The State Department Vietnam White Papers of 1961 and 1964 in Retrospect," Stephen B. Young, Independent Scholar

12:30pm Lunch. Speaker: Major General Vang Pao (Atrium)

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2:00pm Session 3: After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam. Roundtable Discussion. Hon. William E. Colby, Hon. Walt Rostow, Hon. Bui Diem Dr. George Herring [Admiral Zumwalt to act as Moderator]

3:30pm Coffee Break (Pool Terrace)

3:45pm Session 4: Panel on Laos
Chair/Commentator: Ambassador Stephen Lyne, Boston University
"Broken Promises: The U.S. and the Hmong in Laos,"
Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Southern Connecticut University
"Air America in Laos," William Leary, University of Georgia
"How Laos Became Involved in the Cold War, 1954-1962,"
Arthur Dommen, Indochina Institute, George Mason University

6:30pm Buses and vans begin shuttle from Lubbock Plaza Hotel to McInturff Center. Buses depart from Exit "E"

7:00pm Reception at McInturff Center, University Medical Center

8:00pm Conference Banquet

9:00pm (Approximate) Keynote Speaker. Ambassador William E. Colby

10:00pm (Approximate) Buses and vans begin shuttle to Lubbock Plaza Hotel

7:30am - 6:00pm **Registration Desk Open** **(Fountain Court)**

8:30 am Session 5A: Of POWs and MIAs (Irving Room)
Chair: Sedgwick D. Tourison, Independent Scholar
"Report of the Vietnam Working Group of the US-Russian Joint
Commission on MIA/POW Affairs," Hon. Pete Peterson
"Freedom of Expression Behind the Wire: POWs and the Antiwar
Movement," James Ginther, Texas Tech University

8:30am Session 5B: Domestic Legacies of the Vietnam War (Dallas Room)
Chair: H.W. Brands, Texas A & M University
"Ronald Reagan and the End of the Cold War,"
Charles E. Neu, Brown University
"J. William Fulbright and the Transformation of the Senate Foreign
Relations Committee," Randall B. Woods, University of Arkansas
"Clinton, the G.O.P. and the War: The Decline of Vietnam as a Political
Issue," Paul Lyons, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
Commentators: H.W. Brands, Hoyt Purvis, University of Arkansas

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- 8:30am Session 5C: The Navy in Vietnam (Arlington Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: Edward J. Marolda, Naval Historical Center
 "Muddy Waters: The U.S. Navy's Search for a Riverine Warfare Doctrine during the Vietnam Conflict," R. Blake Dunnavent, Texas Tech
 "The Relevance of the Tonkin Gulf Incidents: U.S. Military Action in Vietnam, August 1964," Kim A. Weitzman, Youngstown State University
 "Echoes of the Storm: An Assessment of the Navy's Lessons from Rolling Thunder," Les Cullen, Texas Tech University
- 8:30am Session 6B: Soldiering and Surviving: Behavioral Aspects of War (Ft. Worth Room)**
 Chair: Felix Moos, University of Kansas
 "Boomtowns, Drugs, & Survival," Felix Moos, University of Kansas
 "Soldiering & Surviving in a Support Unit," David Spurgeon, Univ. of KS
 "Songs of the Air Force in the Vietnam War," Lydia Fish, Buffalo State College
- 10:00am Coffee Break (Pool Terrace)**
- 10:15am Session 6A: The White House and the War (Dallas Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: James M. McCaffrey, University of Houston
 "The President, the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff: The Director of the War," Herbert Y. Schandler, Industrial College of the Armed Forces
 "Justice Fortas, President Johnson and the Vietnam War: A Supreme Court Justice as Hawkish Military Advisor," Willie Pigg, California University of Pennsylvania
 "Countering the Antiwar Movement: The American Friends of Vietnam and the Johnson White House, 1965," Joseph G. Morgan, Iona College
- 10:15am Session 6B: The Ho Chi Minh Trail (Arlington Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: James Harper, Texas Tech University
 "The Invincible, and Sometimes Invisible, Ho Chi Minh Trail," James G. Zumwalt, Author
 "Operation of the Ho Chi Minh Trail," Mr. Tran Cong Tan
- 10:15am Session 6C: Panel on Teaching Vietnam (Irving Room)**
 Chair: Joe P. Dunn, Converse College
 "The State of the Field: How the Vietnam War Is Being Taught," Joe P. Dunn, Converse College
 "Teaching Vietnam with Film: History Is Important, But So Is Film Language," Peter C. Rollins, Oklahoma State University
 "What Now?: Teaching the Vietnam War at Century's End," Steve Potts, Hibbing Community College, Hibbing, MN

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- 10:15 Session 6D: Re/creating the Other: Representations of African-Americans and Vietnamese in Viet Nam War Novels and Films**
 Chair: Marc Jason Gilbert, North Georgia College (Fort Worth Room)
 "This Isn't Civilization. This is 'Nam." American Representations of the Vietnamese Other," Renny Christopher, California State University, Stanislaus
 "'Trying to Get Over': Revision and Revolution in Black Vietnam War Movies." Cynthia Fuchs, George Mason University
- 11:45am Lunch. Speaker: Douglas Pike, "Recent Developments in Vietnam" (Atrium)**
- 1:15pm Session 7A: Armed Forces Reassessments (Irving Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: LTC James Willbanks, U.S. Army C&GS College
 Army: LTC Conrad Crane, USMA, West Point
 Navy: Edward J. Marolda, Navy Historical Center
 Marine Corps: Jack Shulimson, Marine Corps Historical Center
- 1:15pm Session 7B "Reassessing Patterns of Remembrance in Vietnam War Memorials (Dallas Room)**
 Chair: William Head, USAF Air Logistics Center, Warner Robbins AFB
 "Multiple Meanings, Multiple Visions: Designing the California and Cleveland Vietnam Veterans Memorials," Rolf Nord Kriken, Nordhammer Art Foundry
 "Embracing the Warrior, Letting Go of the War: Vietnam Veteran Memorials in Georgia," Marc Jason Gilbert, North Georgia College
 "Legacies of the Wall: New Commemorative Voices, Designs, Cultures and Conflicts in the U.S." Carole Blair, University of California, Davis
 Commentator: Ellen Pinzur, formerly Office Manager, the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans
- 1:15pm Session 7C: The Veterans' Continuing War: Stereotypes and Reality (Arlington Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: John N. Frary, Middlesex (NJ) County College
 "The Importance of Story: Individual and Cultural Effects of Skewing of the Realities of American Involvement in Southeast Asia for Social, Political and/or Financial Ends," John Del Vecchio, Independent Scholar and Author
 "The Helping Professions and the Building of the Veteran Stereotype," Phoebe Spinrad, Ohio State University
 "PTSD Treatment and the VA: A Cure, a Recovery, or a Contradiction?" Richard R. Burns, Independent Scholar, Columnist and Counsellor

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- 1:15pm Session 7D: Education in Vietnam (Fort Worth Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: Thomas Dombrowsky, Gettysburg College
 "Education and Economics in Vietnam Today," Lee Little Soldier & Eleanor Miller, Texas Tech University
 "The American War in Vietnamese Schools," David M. Berman, University of Pittsburgh
 "Telling the Story: The Vietnam Conflict," Ted Engelmann, Vietnam Education Project, Denver, CO (Compares curriculum/strategies for teaching the Vietnam War in Vietnam, South Korea, Australia and the U.S.)
- 2:45pm Coffee Break (Pool Terrace)**
- 3:00pm Session 8A: The War in the Villages (Irving Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: Don Walker, Texas Tech University
 "Villager Attitudes During the Vietnam War," Mark Moyar, Independent Scholar and Author
 "Do We Have It Right Yet? Lyndon Baines Johnson's Search for an Effective Pacification Policy," Richard A. Hunt, Center of Military History
 "Creative Circumvention: Differing Views of Counterinsurgency during the Presidency of John F. Kennedy," Matthew Lerner, Texas Tech
- 3:00pm Session 8B: Vietnam Film and Fiction (Dallas Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: Marc Leepson, Arts Editor, *VVA Veteran*
 "American Fiction about the Vietnam War: How the Creative Process Reflects and Interprets Vietnam War Experiences," Walter Jones, University of Utah
 "Seeking a Happy Medium: The Film and Fiction of the Vietnam War," John Clark Pratt, Colorado State University
- 3:00pm Session 8C: Vietnamese Memorials and Remembrance (Arlington)**
 Chair/Commentator: Patricia Pelley, Texas Tech University
 "The Vietnamese Tradition of War & Remembrance," Nguyen Ba Cung, University of Massachusetts
 "Women's Museums in Vietnam," Sandra Taylor, University of Utah
- 3:00pm Session 8D: A Vietnam Miscellany (Fort Worth Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: Gary J. Bjorge, Army Cmd. & Genl. Staff College
 "The MACV 'Answer Machine'," Michael E. Unsworth, Michigan State University
 "Vietnamese Defense Against Aerial Attack," Barton Meyers, Brooklyn College, CUNY
 "America's First Atrocity," Benjamin Dubberly, Texas Tech University

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- 3:00pm** **Session 8E: More on POWs** (McKenzie Room)
Chair/Commentator: Hugh Boyle, Brown University
"Let's Sell the Bones": The Marketing of America's MIA," Sedgwick D. Tourison, Independent Scholar and Author
"Red, White, Blue . . . and Yellow!: America's Obsession with POWs in a Historical Perspective," David Stevenson, University of Nebraska, Kearney
"POWs and Politics: How Much Does Hanoi Really Know?" Garnett "Bill" Bell & George J. Veith, Independent Scholars
- 4:30pm** Busses begin shuttle from Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza to American State Bank for Civic Reception
- 5:00-7:00pm** Civic Reception, American State Bank
- 7:00pm** Busses begin shuttle from American State Bank to Lubbock Plaza
- 8:00pm** Films from the Tulane University Conference Marking the 25th Anniversary of My Lai (Irving Room)
- 8:00pm** Vietnam Poetry Reading (Brazos Room)
- 8:00pm** Special Panel on Laos (Arlington Room)
Moderator: Jane Hamilton Merritt, Southern Connecticut University
"Chinese Aid to Laos," Xiaoming Zhang, Texas Tech University
Followed by panel discussion: Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Arthur J. Dommen, Xiaoming Zhang

Saturday, 20 April 1996

- 6:30am** Vans and bus begin shuttle from Lubbock Plaza to Lubbock DAV Post
- 7:00am** Breakfast at DAV Post for Approximately 100 Symposium Participants
- 7:30am - 4:00pm** Registration Booth Open (Fountain Plaza)
- 7:45am** Van/bus Service to Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza from DAV Post
- 8:30am** **Session 9A: Air Force Reassessments** (Irving Room)
Chair/Commentator: LTC James Willbanks, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College
"Air Force Doctrine and Vietnam," Colonel Dennis M. Drew, Dean, School of Advanced Air Power Studies
"Vietnam and Desert Storm: Learning the Right Lessons from Vietnam for the Post-Cold War Era," Col. Joseph P. Martino, USAF (Ret)

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- 8:30am Session 9B: Other Nations' Involvement in South Vietnam (Dallas)**
Chair/Commentator: Gary M. Bell, Texas Tech University
"Get Me Ten Years': Australia's Ted Serong in Vietnam, 1962-1975,"
Anne Blair, National Center for Australian Studies, Monash Univ.
"Making the Difference: New Zealand and the Vietnam War, the Problems
of a Small State," James Rock, University of Auckland
"The Spook in the Tunnel: The CIA and the Success of Intelligence in the
Vietnamese Wars, 1949 to 1973," Larry Cable, UNC, Wilmington
- 8:30am Session 9C: Political and Economic Legacies of the Vietnam War
in Comparative Perspective (Arlington Room)**
Chair: Randy Bush, Gustavus Adolphus College
"The Political Economy of Transition: Gradualism, Radicalism and
Vietnam," Xiaobu Hu, Morehead State University
"Political and Economic Legacies of American Wars in Asia: Korea and
Vietnam," Randy Bush, Gustavus Adolphus College
"Twenty Years After: The Renewal of Diplomatic Relations Between
America and Vietnam," Samuel B. Hoff, Delaware State University
Commentator: Pingchao Zhu, Miami University (Ohio)
- 8:30am Session 9D: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (Fort Worth Room)**
Chair/Commentator: David Holland, Lubbock Vet Center
"Healing the Psychological Wounds of Warriors: Vet Centers and the
Social Contract," Col. David H. Price and Jo Knox, University of
Texas, Arlington
"Just Listen': The Shay Hypothesis and What Individual Oral Histories of
the Vietnam War Have to Tell Us About the Etiology and
Prevention of PTSD," Davida Kellogg, University of Maine
- 8:30am Session 9E: More Vietnam Miscellany (McKenzie Room)**
Chair/Commentator: Major Ralph Millsap, Air Command & Staff College
"Why Was the British Counterinsurgency Advice Ignored: Does Such
Advice Remain Useful Today, Such as in Bosnia, etc.?" Geoffrey D.T.
Shaw, University of Manitoba
"U.S. - South Korean Relations and the Vietnam War, Yong S. Lee, Ohio
University
"Cannon Fodder or Economic Opportunity? Project 100,000 and the
Vietnam War, Jeffrey A. Thomas, Pioneer Challenge College,
Holbrook, AZ
- 10:15am Coffee Break (Pool Terrace)**

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- 10:30am Session 10A: Panel on Veterans' Issues (Irving Room)**
 Chair: James R. Reckner, Texas Tech University
 "The Vietnam Veterans' Initiative," James L. Brazee, National President, Vietnam Veterans of America
 "Stolen Valor: How a False Image of Vietnam Veterans Has Shaped Public Opinion and the History of the Vietnam War," B. G. Burkett, Independent Researcher
- 10:30am Session 10B: The Media and the Vietnam Experience (Dallas Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: Chester Pach, Ohio University
 "The New York Times, Vietnam and the Development of an Oppositional Press," Louis Campomenosi, Tulane University
 "The Five O'clock Follies Revisited: Vietnam Reporting and the Legacy of Controversy," Arnold R. Isaacs, Towson State University
 Currently untitled paper by Clarence Myatt
- 10:30am Session 10C: The Antiwar Movement (Arlington Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: David Stevenson, University of Nebraska, Kearney
 "Kent State and Ball State: Two Campuses at War with the War," Tony Edmonds, Ball State University
 "Generation Units and Social Change: A Sociological Perspective on the Anti-War Movement," Charlotte Dunham, Texas Tech University
 "In Retrospect: The Anti-War Movement's Effect on U.S. Policy," James Fendrich, Florida State University
- 10:30am Session 10D: Vietnam and China (Fort Worth Room)**
 Chair/Commentator: Xiaoming Zhang, Texas Tech University
 "The First Tet Offensive (January 1968)," Spencer Tucker, TCU
 "Sino-Soviet Relations and the February 1979 Sino-Vietnamese Conflict," Bruce Elleman, Texas Christian University
 "China and Vietnam after the Vietnam War," Pingchao Zhu, Miami Univ.
- Noon Lunch. Speaker: Dr. Lewis Sorley, "A Better War: The Neglected Later Years of American Involvement in Vietnam" (Atrium)**
- 2:00pm Session 10 Panel Discussion (Dallas/Irving Room)**
 Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., General Vo Nguyen Giap [tentative], Lieutenant Generals Pham Hong Son, Phan Luong Truc (PAVN), + senior U.S. Army officers
- 3:45pm Final Summation and Formal Closing of Symposium (Dallas/Irving)**
 James R. Reckner, Texas Tech University

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4:30pm (Approx) Buses begin tour of Lubbock, International Cultural Center, Southwest Collection/Special Collections building, then go to the Ranching Heritage Center for a West Texas barbecue dinner.
Participants to wear casual clothes: jeans, etc., desirable.

9:00pm (Approx) Buses return to Lubbock Plaza

9:00pm --- ? Camaraderie in the Atrium Bar

Sunday, 21 April 1996

6:00am (For as long as necessary) Texas Tech vans available to assist symposium delegates to Lubbock International Airport

Vietnam Symposium Banquet & Barbecue Reservations

Name	Banquet	Payment	Barbecue	Payment	Total	
Dr. John A. Buesseler	2	\$60.00	2	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Dr. James R. Reckner	2	\$60.00	2	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Arthur D. Graf	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
Dr. Spencer Tucker	1	\$30.00			\$30.00	
B/G A. R. Brownfield	2	\$60.00	2	\$30.00	\$90.00	\$150.00
Dr. David M. Berman	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
David Shelly	2	\$60.00	2	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Col. Joseph P. Martino	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
B/G Ted Mataxis	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
Dr. Tony Edmonds			1	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$75.00
Dr. Sam Hoff	1	\$30.00			\$30.00	
Dr. Phoebe Spinrad	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
VADM Emmett H. Tidd	2	\$60.00	2	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Dr. William M. Leary	1	\$30.00			\$30.00	
ADM Elmo R. Zumwalt	2	Comp	2	Comp		
Mrs. Kim Weitzman	1	\$30.00			\$30.00	
Dr. Davida Kellogg	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
Dr. Sandra C. Taylor	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
RADM Arthur W. Price, Jr.	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$105.00
Michael E. Unsworth	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
Dr. William Head	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
Ellen Pinzur	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$105.00
Patricia Wadley	1	\$30.00			\$30.00	
Dr. Charles E. Neu	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$105.00
Dr. Lewis Sorley	1	\$30.00			\$30.00	
Col. David H. Price	2	\$60.00	2	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Dr. Ang Chen Guan	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$105.00v
Dr. Randy Bush	1	\$30.00			\$30.00	
Dr. Tom Dombrowsky	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
John T. McCracken	2	\$60.00	2	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Jerry Ryan	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
Dr. John M. Gates	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
Christina M. Miske			1	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Dr. Randall B. Woods	1	\$30.00			\$30.00	
Gerald R. Truelove				\$15.00	\$15.00	
Joseph Reilly	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
Randy Fertel	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$105.00
Br. Joseph G. Morgan	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
Dr. James McCaffrey	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$105.00
Dr. John Prados	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
LTC John Clark Pratt	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$105.00
Dr. Carole Blair	1	\$30.00			\$30.00	
John N. Frary	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
B.G. Burkett	1	\$30.00			\$30.00	
Christopher Cruise	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	
Dr. Bob Buzzanco	1	\$30.00			\$30.00	
Rachel E. Reckner	1	\$30.00	1	\$15.00	\$45.00	

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