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"After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam"

18-20 April 1996

Conference Agenda

Planning as of 5 July 1995. Asterisk beside name indicates speaker has agreed to participate. Deadline for paper proposals is 1 October 1995

Wednesday, 17 April 1996

Afternoon Conferees arrive at Conference Venue

2000 Welcoming Address: "A Post-Cold War Reassessment of the Vietnam War."
Speaker to be announced.

2100 (Approx) Reception at Conference Hotel. (Cash bar + snacks)

Thursday, 18 April 1996

0815 Administrative remarks by conference organizers

0830 Opening Address: *Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.

0900 Session 1: Views from the Other Side

"China and the Defense of North Vietnam, 1964-1969"

*Dr. Xiaoming Zhang, Texas Tech University

"The Soviet Union and North Vietnam"

*Prof. Ilya Gaiduk, Academy of Sciences, Moscow

"North Vietnam's Relationship with the Soviet Union and China"

*Dr. William J. Duiker, Penn State University

1045: Session 2: Reassessing the Threat

"China, Russia, and American Vietnam Diplomacy"

*Dr. George Herring, University of Kentucky

"Chinese and Russian Support for North Vietnam: A South Vietnamese View"

*Hon. Bui Diem, former South Vietnamese Ambassador to U.S.

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

*Dr. John Prados, Independent Scholar

1230: Lunch. Luncheon Speaker: To be announced

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1400: **Session 3: After the Cold War Was Over: Reassessing Vietnam Roundtable Discussion**
*Hon. William E. Colby, Hon. William P. Bundy, *Hon. Walt Rostow,
*Hon. Bui Diem

1545: **Session 4: Panel on Laos**
*Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Southern Connecticut University
*Dr. William M. Leary, University of Georgia
"How Laos Became Involved in the Cold War, 1954-1962."
*Dr. Arthur J. Dommen, Independent Scholar

2000: **Conference Banquet**

2100: **Keynote Address: Speaker to be announced**

Friday, 19 April 1996

(The agenda for 19-20 April will be determined by the responses to our call for papers.)

0830: **Session 5A: "Domestic Legacies of the Vietnam War"**
Chair and Commentator: 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

0830: **Session 5B: "Images of the Vietnam Veteran"**
Session being organized by Dr. Phoebe Spinrad, Ohio State University

1015: **Session 6A: Anthropological/Behavioral Aspects of the War**
Session being organized by Dr. Felix Moos, University of Kansas

1145: **Lunch. Luncheon Speaker: *Professor Douglas Pike, "Recent Developments in Vietnam"**

1315 **Session 7A: Air Force Reassessments (May also have 7B, 7C, etc.)**
"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)
"The Impact of Victory on the Post-Vietnam War Air Force," *Dr. Earl H. Tilford, Jr., Army War College

1500: **Session 8A: Vietnam Film and Fiction**
Session being organized by Walter Jones, University of Utah

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1715 - 1900: Civic Reception at American State Bank

Saturday, 20 April

0830 **Session 9: Armed Forces Reassessments**

Army: *LTC Conrad Crane, USMA, West Point

Navy: *Dr. Edward Marolda, Navy Historical Center

Marine Corps: *Dr. Jack Shulimson, Marine Corps Historical Center

1030: **Session 10: Panel Discussion**

*Admiral Zumwalt, General Giap, + Senior Army Officer

1200: Lunch. Luncheon Speaker: To be announced.

1400 **Session 11: The Antiwar Movement**

Panel being organized by Dr. Charlotte Dunham, Texas Tech University

1545: **End of Formal Agenda**

1600: (Approx.) Optional tour of Lubbock and Texas Tech University, followed by West Texas barbeque dinner at the Ranching Heritage Center, Texas Tech University

Papers Proposed But Not Yet Assigned to a Panel:

Dr. Herbert Y. Schandler, Chairman, Department of Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, paper on LBJ and Vietnam.

Dr. Sandra C. Taylor, University of Utah, "From a Different Dimension: The Vietnam Conflict as a Gender War"

Benjamin Dubberly, Texas Tech University, "America's First Atrocity."

Dr. Lewis Sorley, "A Better War: The Neglected Later Years of American Involvement in Vietnam."

LCOL James Willbanks, "The Impact of the Vietnam Experience on Current Strategic Defense Policy."

Dr. Joe P. Dunn, Converse College, "The State of the Field: How the Vietnam War Is Being Taught."

The U.S. Russian Commission investigating the possibility of American POWs from World War II, Korea and Vietnam have indicated a desire to present their findings, with particular emphasis upon Vietnam, at the symposium.