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Dear Ms. Arnold:

Vietnam....no American is untouched by this complex and turbulent era that is such a critical part of our recent history. The Vietnam experience has had a profound impact on contemporary American society. Only recently, however, have the emotions evoked by Vietnam tempered to the extent that there is now a desire to dispassionately examine that complicated period with the purpose of understanding and learning from it.

How the United States deals with increasingly complex foreign developments is often guided by the fear of involvement in "another Vietnam." Clearly, a more complete understanding of the Vietnam experience is essential as the post-Vietnam generation prepares to chart America's future.

Texas Tech University recognized this need several years ago when it established the Vietnam Archive in the Special Collections branch of the University Library. The purpose of the Vietnam Archive is to collect, house and preserve information related to the American experience in Vietnam. Published material collected by the Archive is comprised of a broad range of items pertaining to all aspects of the Vietnam war including civilian, military, economic and social topics as well as domestic opposition subjects. The literature, music and poetry of the period are collected. Non-published collections include diaries, letters, photographs, maps, sound recordings, film and video, oral histories, scrapbooks and albums.

Both published and archival materials are available for research use by the general public and scholars. A description of the materials is disseminated to scholars around the world through the Libraries' online data bases. The materials are also listed on the On-Line Computer Library Center (OCLC), the largest online international bibliographic data base. All materials are professionally cataloged and preserved and become a permanent part of the historical record.

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The Board of Regents created the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict as a unit of the College of Arts and Sciences. The purpose of the Center is to encourage research in Vietnam-related topics through the support and use of the Vietnam Archive. The Center provides funding for Archive acquisitions and program support. Its activities are guided by an 18-member Advisory Board which is chaired by Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr. USN (Ret.), the former commander of U.S. Naval Forces in Vietnam.

The Advisory Board of the Center is dedicated to creating the nation's most comprehensive collection of Vietnam-related materials. The Board's objective is to make this unique collection at Texas Tech University the national focal point for research into the Vietnam era. Balance is, of course, critical to the quality of the Archive as a research tool. Only by studying materials from diverse sources representing the many perceptions of the Vietnam experience will historians and political scientists develop a realistic understanding of the period.

The Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict respectfully requests that the Helen Jones Foundation, Inc. sponsor the purchase of the History of the Vietnam War on Microfiche. This 365,000 page collection of documents, newspapers, periodicals, photographs, monographs, maps and graphs represents the most significant Vietnam-related elements of the Indochina Archive at the University of California, Berkeley. Many currently available Vietnam documentary collections contain items from American sources only. The distinguishing feature of the History of the Vietnam War on Microfiche is its abundance of diverse international sources. Voluminous source materials from all of the governments and organizations directly involved in the war are included. The collection is exceptionally strong on difficult to obtain materials such as those of the National Liberation Front and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam....the "other side" in the war. The \$30,300 collection is described more completely in the attached University Microfilms International brochure.

The \$30,300 purchase is the prepaid and lowest cost alternative for acquiring the collection. Six of the ten units of the collection have been released. Unit seven is scheduled for release in October, 1992. The three remaining units will be released by the end of 1992. A comprehensive user's guide, shipping and handling are all included in the above purchase price.

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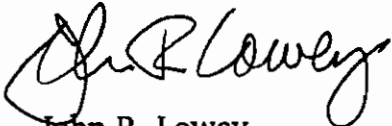
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The History of the Vietnam War on Microfiche would become the cornerstone collection of the Vietnam Archive of Texas Tech University. Its addition would both substantially broaden the perspective of the Vietnam Archive and make available important primary source documents heretofore accessible only by travel to Berkeley. A summary of current acquisitions of the Vietnam Archive is attached.

Ms. Arnold, after you have reviewed this information, we would be pleased to answer any questions you might have concerning either the Vietnam Archive or the History of the Vietnam War on Microfiche. Thank you for your interest.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Lowey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

John R. Lowey
President, Advisory Board

cc: Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.



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Current Collections

April, 1992

Vietnam Special Subjects: National Security Files, 1963-1969 (The Lyndon B. Johnson National Security Files)

Microfilm (36 reels)

War in Vietnam: Classified Histories by the National Security Council

Microfilm (8 reels)

1. Gulf of Tonkin attack
2. Deployment of major U.S. forces
3. Honolulu Conference, February, 1966
4. Manila Conference, October/November, 1966
5. LBJ's March 31, 1968 speech

U.S. Armed Forces in Vietnam, 1954-1975

Microfilm (21 reels)

1. Indochina studies
2. Vietnam: lessons learned
3. Vietnam: reports of U.S. Army operations
4. Vietnam: U.S. Army senior officers debriefing reports

Records of the Military Assistance Command: Vietnam

Microfilm (48 reels)

1. The War in Vietnam, 1954-1973: MACV Historical Office Collection
2. Classified Studies from the Combined Intelligence Center Vietnam, 1965-1973

Vietnam: National Security Files, 1961-1963 (John F. Kennedy National Security Files)

Microfilm (7 reels)

Vietnam: National Security Files, 1963-1965 (Lyndon B. Johnson National Security Files)

Microfilm (17 reels)

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

Microfilm (11 reels)

U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam Monthly Historical Summaries, January, 1966 to March 1973 and Seal Team Command Histories

Microfiche (167)