A Failure to Communicate: How Elbridge Durbrow changed America’s Vietnam Experience
Recommended a reduction in the military aid to the Republic of Vietnam at a time of increased communist insurgent activity.
Withheld critical information regarding opposition groups in Saigon
Withheld critical information regarding allegations of corruption with the government and C'àn Lao Party
Blocked Ngô Đình Diệm’s request to have Americans who he trusted visit the Republic of Vietnam.
Reported only conversations with Vietnamese that were negative concerning Ngô Đình Diệm
Initiated rumors that implied a parting of the ways between the United States and Ngô Đình Diệm
Offered conflicting and out-of-touch advice to Ngô Đình Diệm and mused to reporters in an off-the-record press conference after the abortive November coup d’état that he could not understand why the paratroopers had just not finished the job.
Generally attempted to bully Ngô Đình Diệm into initiating reforms within the country for which Vietnam was either not ready or willing to commit.