

# Why the Vietnam War is Relevant Today

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March 12, 1961

U.S. Forces in Vietnam ~ 600

U.S. Forces in Laos < 500

U.S. KIA in Laos and Vietnam = 9

March 23, 1961

SC-47 Lost over Plain of Jars – 6 Crewmen KIA

April 22, 1961

SF Field Training Team (FFT-59) overrun in Laos:  
2 KIA, 2 captured (one released, the other  
executed)

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## The Legacy of the Vietnam War

- Impact on the People of South East Asia
- Impact on the Soldiers who went there
- Impact on the U.S. Foreign Policy
  - Impact on the Citizens of the United States
  - Impact on the U.S. Military Institution
  - Impact on the Media
  - Impact on Educational Institutions
  - Impact on Entertainment Industry
  - Impact on Political Discourse

"The war America never lost, but wasn't allowed to win."

—L. Brent Bozell III



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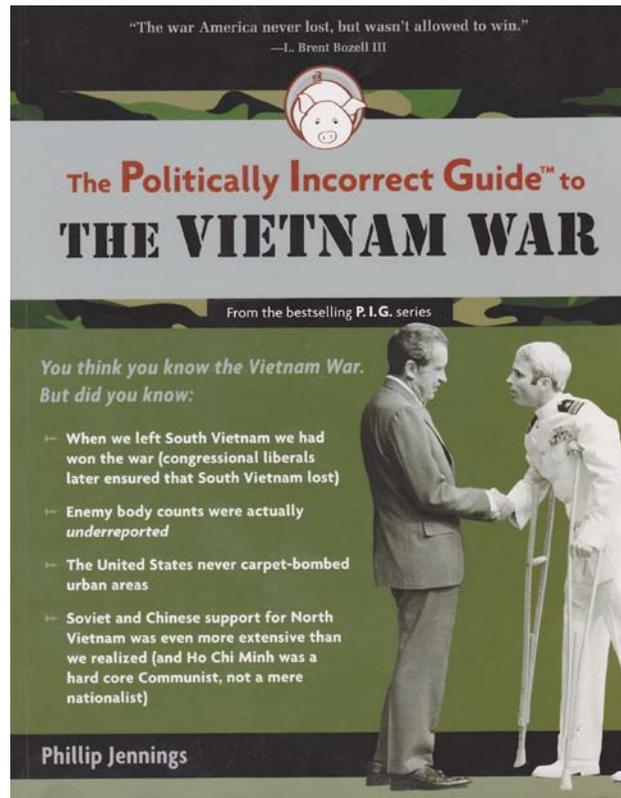
*You think you know the Vietnam War.  
But did you know:*

- ✦ When we left South Vietnam we had won the war (congressional liberals later ensured that South Vietnam lost)
- ✦ Enemy body counts were actually *underreported*
- ✦ The United States never carpet-bombed urban areas
- ✦ Soviet and Chinese support for North Vietnam was even more extensive than we realized (and Ho Chi Minh was a hard core Communist, not a mere nationalist)



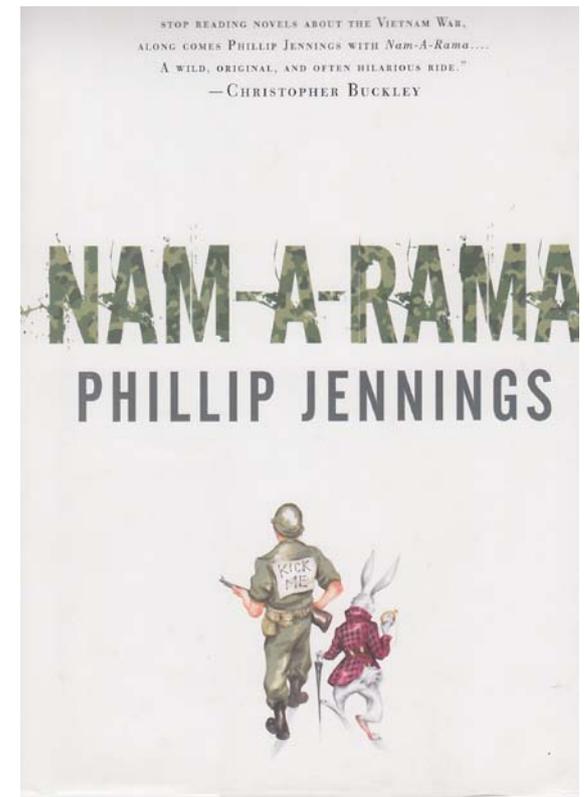
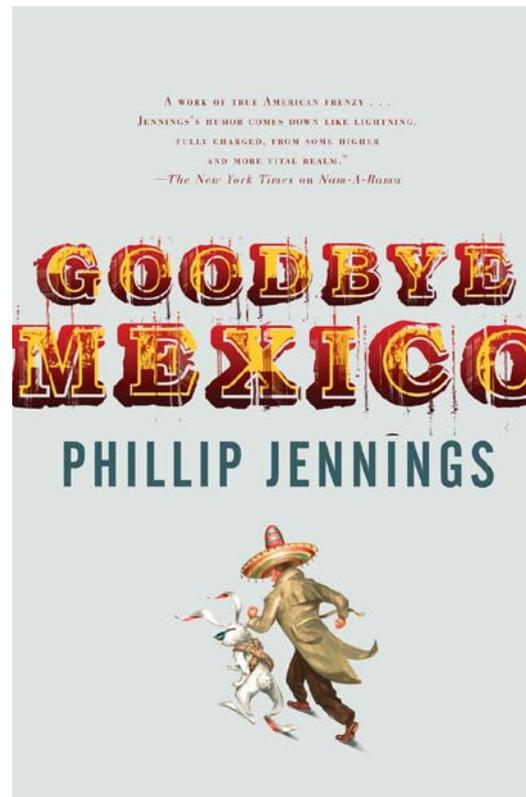
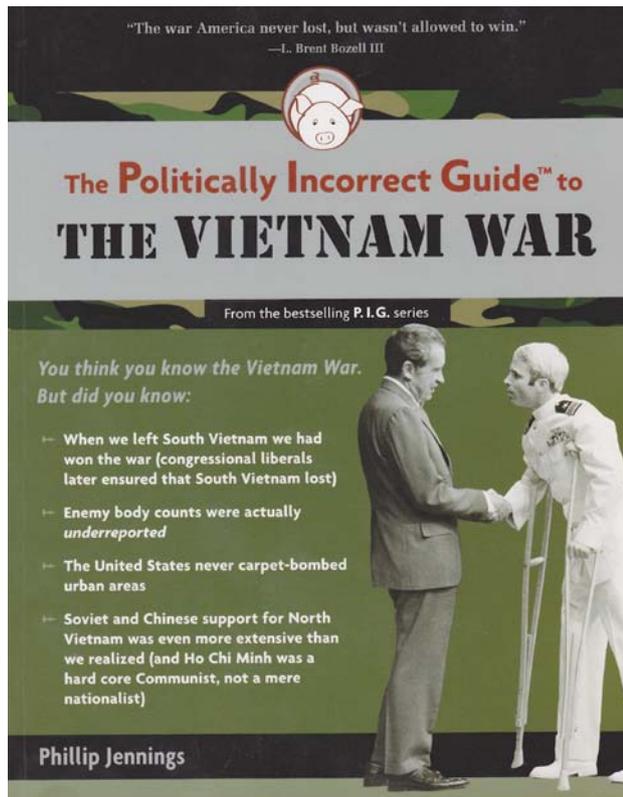
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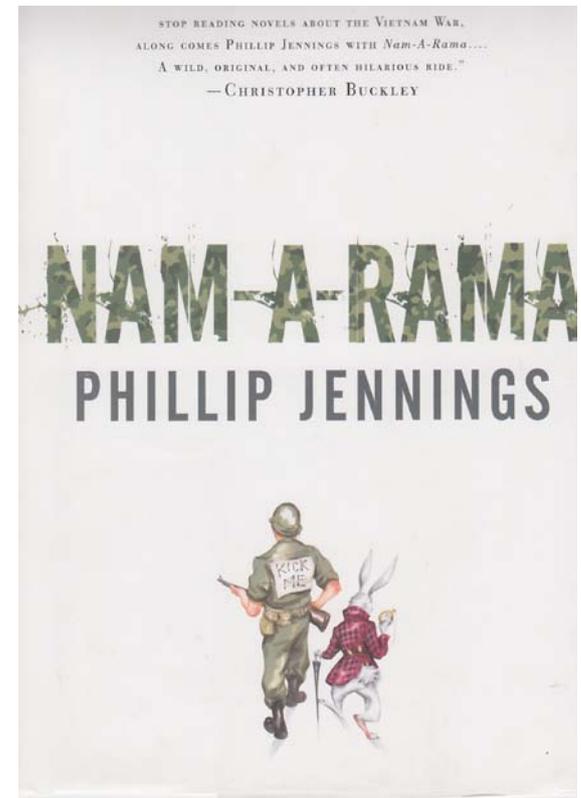
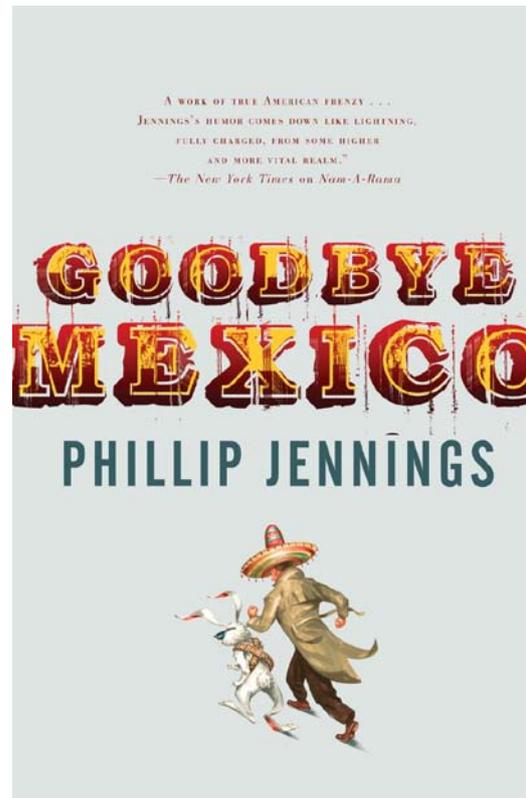
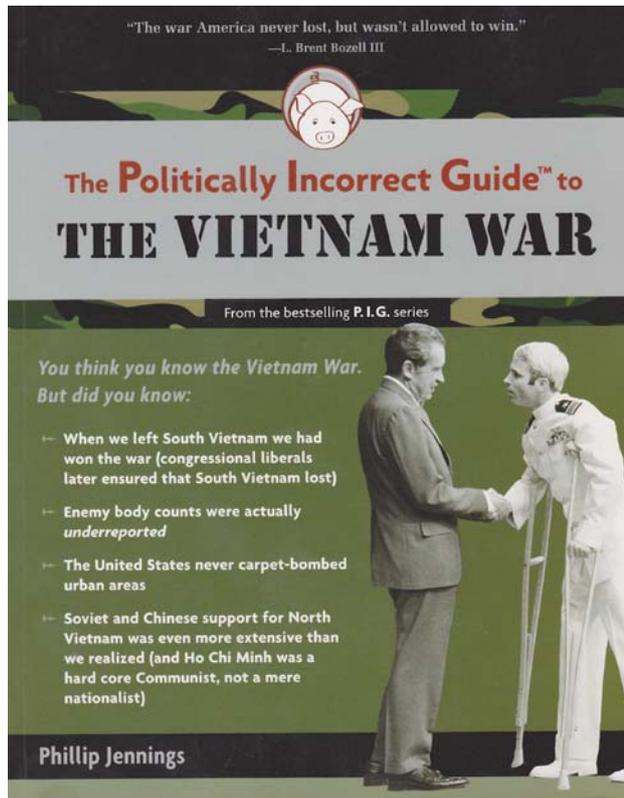


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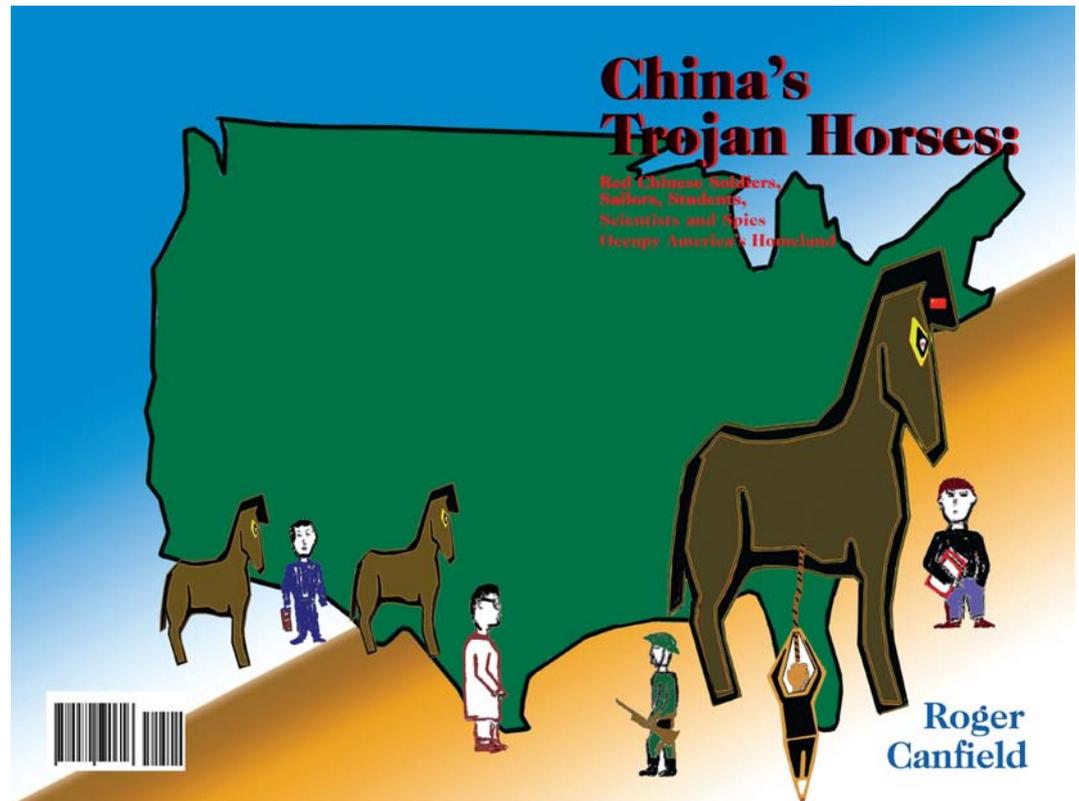
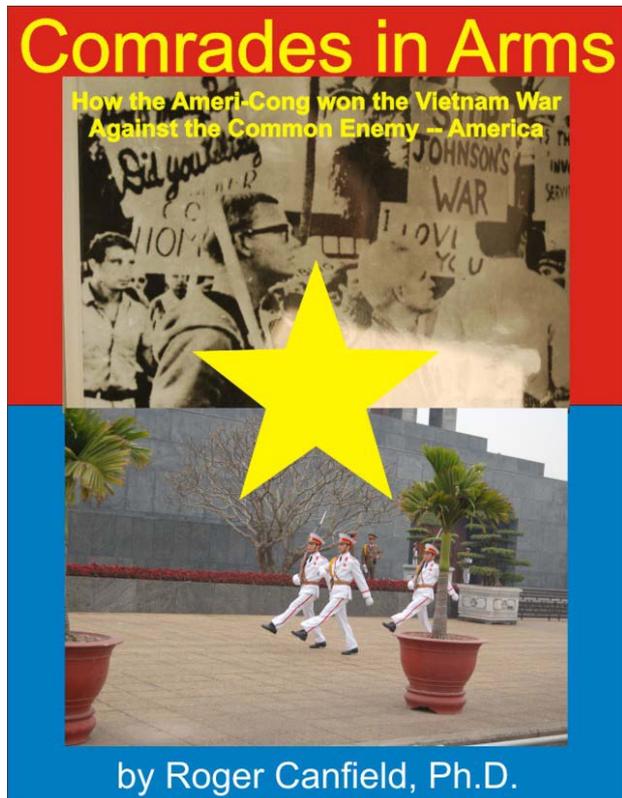
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# **“Peace Politics and Military Strategy:**

**Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan  
and China.**

**By Dr. Roger Canfield**

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# Comrades in Arms

How the Ameri-Cong won the Vietnam War  
Against the Common Enemy -- America



by Roger Canfield, Ph.D.

Delusions of the Vietnam War—still displayed on the streets of Hanoi and Saigon.



Tom Wells declares in *The War Within*, “No evidence has ever been produced for foreign communist involvement in the anti-Vietnam War Movement.”

“The spontaneous antiwar movements in the US have received assistance and guidance from the friendly [No.Viet] delegations at the Paris Peace Talks.... The PCPJ [People’s Committee [sic] for Peace and Justice]...maintains relations with us...”

*Viet Cong Circular No. 33/VP/TD*  
(July 1971)

The Vietnam War was a **political** war,  
a unified struggle, *dau tranh*, of  
politics more than arms.

Many American peace activists  
“worked for peace behind enemy  
lines” and that  
was of critical strategic value to  
Hanoi’s victory in 1975.

Many protesters openly supported the Viet Cong.



Singer Judy Collins performing at anti-Vietnam War rally, Kezar Stadium, San Francisco, 1967

Today  
antiwar activists are still  
romanticized  
as peace loving hippies  
poking flowers into gun barrels.

**Flowers in gun barrels?  
Hardly.**





Cô gái trong đoàn biểu tình chống chiến tranh của Mỹ ở Việt Nam bắt đầu cắm hoa vào họng súng của lính cảnh vệ quốc gia như một biểu tượng mong muốn hòa bình ở Việt Nam.

The girl in the demonstration against the US war in Vietnam is sticking a flower in the gun barrel of a National Guard as a symbol of praying for peace.

Une manifestante anti-guerre mettant une fleur à l'orifice du canon de fusil d'une garde nationale comme une représentation du vœux de paix au Vietnam.

**The peace movement successfully vilified America's conduct of war**

**as uniquely brutal, immoral and unjust like no other war.**

US officials and policies were  
labeled  
Fascists, murderous



Thanh niên Thành phố San Francisco biểu tình, chặn xe của MD.Taylor, phản đối chiến tranh ở Việt Nam  
The youth of San Francisco city demonstrated and blocked the car of MD Taylor to protest against the war in Vietnam

Yet once a Peace Accord was  
signed in Jan 1973

the top leadership of the  
antiwar movement shifted  
strategies

—seeking not peace, but a  
communist victory.

In close collaboration with Hanoi.

Germantown, Ohio Oct.26-28, 1973 in order “to *clarity and to develop a coordinated strategy*” **for the peace movement**, the Indochina Peace Campaign, IPC, held a conference.

“Delayed for a week for  
Tom Hayden,  
Jane Fonda and others  
to meet with VC/VN  
in Paris for  
their marching orders.”

In Paris Ly Van Sau  
told what political “action should be  
pursued”

- to cut aid to Thieu and Lon Nol,
- free 200,000 political prisoners
- overturn the Thieu regime.

This replaced a long unfocused list—  
only days old.

a single overriding issue,  
political **prisoners**,  
and a single target, members of  
**Congress** in targeted states.

200 representatives from  
15 fronts attended;  
America Friends Service  
Committee, Clergy And  
Laity Concerned, Women  
Strike for Peace,

Also Women's International League  
for Peace and Freedom,  
War Resisters League, Vietnam  
Veterans Against the War,  
People's Coalition for Peace and  
Justice,  
Fellowship of Reconciliation, SANE,  
Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

Bill Zimmerman's  
Medical Aid to Indochina,  
Indochina Resource Center,  
Don Luce's  
Indochina Mobile [tiger cage]  
Education Project,

International Committee to  
Free South Vietnamese Prisoners  
from Detention, Torture  
and Death and

Union of Vietnamese in the U.S.A

If believed to be true

Reduce the legitimacy of the southern regime

Persuade a credulous post-Watergate Congress to

Cut off all remaining aid to South Vietnam and Cambodia.

The Coalition  
gave cover to Hanoi's invasion in  
1975

Cared little about the massacres  
that followed.

Nat'l Assembly  
to Save the Peace demanded

Congress reject ANY aid

Tom Hayden,

“Indochina has not fallen it has risen”

“How happy they must be.”

Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn,

“Overjoyed.... We spent several days celebrating, laughing and crying.”

Tom Hayden

“Outpouring of emotion for  
orphans and refugees”  
was “misdirected.”

He wanted forced repatriation  
of boat people, refugees.

**During and after the war  
US peace activists received  
fulsome recognition including**

medals,  
rings,  
trophies,

and public accolades.

In 1975 Le Thi Xuyen, Viet Women's  
Union,  
wrote Arlene Eisen Bergman,

“This great victory  
is inseparable from your militant  
solidarity,  
assistance and support...”

“We always remember  
your...rallies, demonstrations,  
petitions,  
leaflets, cables, letters in  
protest....

We think that our victory is also  
yours.”

**Many activists got rings purchased with American blood.**

Nguyen Thi Thanh gave Bill Ayers, a ring in **Toronto** at a meeting sponsored by Women's Strike for Peace.

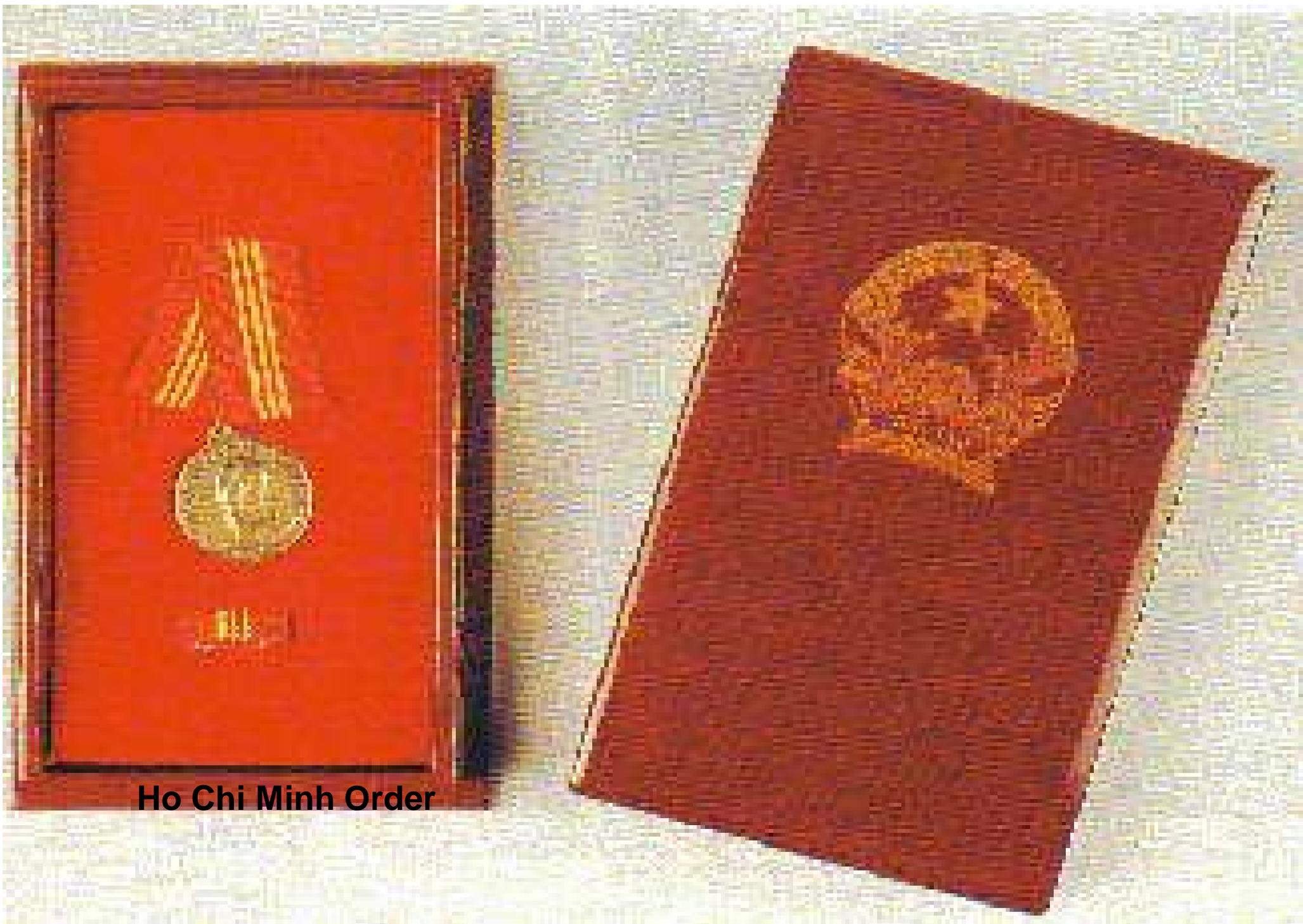
The ring was engraved "500" for the five-hundredth American plane shot down.

Many received rings purchased with  
American blood and treasure--

Thirty-four US visitors to **Bratislava**,

Twenty visitors to **Havana**,

Twenty-eight in **Budapest**  
etc



**Ho Chi Minh Order**

Arriving in Hanoi in a Soviet  
plane in April 1985,

Five Americans joined the Hanoi  
funded,

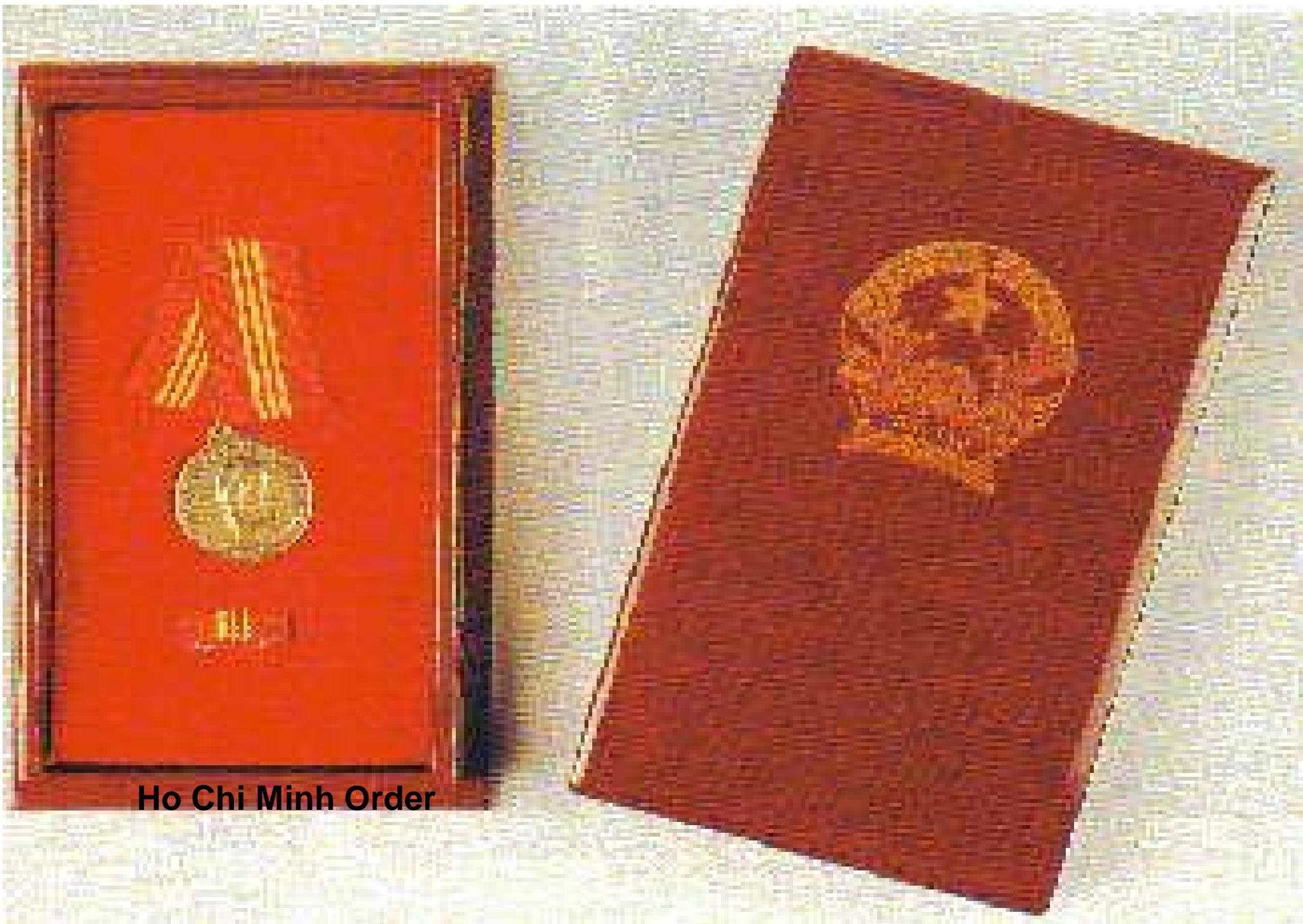
Public commemoration of the  
Tenth Anniversary of Communist  
victory in 1975.

The Americans celebrating  
Communist victory  
were:

David Dellinger,  
George Wald,  
John McAuliff,  
Douglas Hostetter (likely) another

Tom Hayden and Jane Fonda declined Hanoi's invitation in 1985 and any public receipt of the Ho Chi Minh Order.

Tom had been elected to the California State Assembly from Santa Monica with a sanitized resume.



**Ho Chi Minh Order**

The Ho Chi Minh Order is  
“conferred on individuals (or  
collectives) who have rendered great  
meritorious service.” such as  
“bravery in action against an enemy  
force,”  
Shooting down American aircraft

**The Ho Chi Minh Order** was a  
very special recognition for  
contributing to a Communist victory,  
“the revolutionary cause of the Party,  
State and Vietnamese nation.”

Five day after the Hanoi celebration  
in April 1985,

Dave Dellinger joined a US  
commemoration in New York.

Among 1,000 persons in 75  
organizations.

It is unknown whether anyone  
in New York received  
Ho Chi Minh medals,

.

However, the Viet Amb. to UN, Hoang Bich Son thanked everyone,

“We Vietnamese...are deeply indebted to our...friends ...in the United States for their whole-hearted support.”

Nguyen Thi Binh, wartime rep. of the Viet Cong also sent a message.

In 1976 Cora Weiss held the English language **copyright** of Gen. Dung's *Our Great Spring Victory*, on how Hanoi won the war. A copyright on a Communist victory, held by an American!

Dung, "Our victory...springs from many causes [including] the help of ...our friends around the world."



Photo: Roger Canfield. French protests displayed in "Hanoi Hilton" Hoa Lo Museum in Hanoi, March 2008.

Nhân dân Pháp biểu tình ủng hộ cuộc kháng chiến của nhân dân Việt Nam  
French people demonstrated to support the resistance of Vietnamese people



Throughout the war

the peace movement largely echoed  
Hanoi's current propaganda line,

and adjusted messages  
to battlefield conditions...

The alleged horrific treatment of political prisoners was a powerful moral issue among Americans, which if left unchallenged, was indefensible.

...It was all a fraud,

...but it worked....

Hanoi's political war in the USA effectively limited U.S military strategy, tactics and weapons.

And the Peace movement was thrilled with the outcome in April 1975 and thereafter.

Peace was not the NYT  
headline

“Indochina Without  
Americans:  
For Most a Better Life,”

The US ultimately abandoned  
the people of South Vietnam  
to a peace that

A young girl with dark hair and bangs, wearing a light green floral-patterned shirt and dark pants, is sitting in a bamboo boat on a body of water. She is holding a small, dark cup in her hands, looking off to the side with a serious expression. The background is a calm, greenish-blue sea.

child labor,

human trafficking,

religious persecution,

corruption,

field. Vietnam, March 2008, today's child of Vietnam begging on Ha Long Bay to American tourists aboard luxuriously appointed junks.

poverty.

# Vietnam: Relevance Today

Until we understand  
the political warfare of Vietnam and  
of the Jihadists  
we shall never achieve today's limited  
counter insurgency and  
counterintelligence goals  
let alone military victory.

Today the Chinese and the Jihadists  
understand the  
value of American public opinion  
and politics to  
their war winning strategies.

Today's protesters, Congressmen,  
and the media have  
mounted a propaganda war against  
our Presidents, the Patriot Act,  
NSA intercepts of phones of  
domestic terrorists and agents of  
foreign powers

and against  
the detention and  
interrogation of  
enemy combatants  
during war

al Qaeda training manuals tell  
captured terrorists to  
claim torture and  
Osama bin Laden tells us  
he knows  
the lessons of Vietnam.

Osama watches American  
public opinion polls  
and believes troop morale and  
political will are waning  
under the impact of a  
long war against terror.

Torture stories  
in the Iraq War were  
manufactured  
out of distorted versions of  
incidents at  
Abu Ghraib  
Guantanamo and  
Haditha

Guantanamo tales of the  
toilet and urine desecration of the  
Koran though proven false

Mentioned in 4,677 news stories

Yes, a few detainees were subjected to  
sleep deprivation, loud music, bright  
lights, isolation, and some held in  
painful positions.

one case of water boarding.

Responding to distorted enemy  
propaganda, domestic echo  
chambers thoughtlessly repeat  
inflated allegations of  
U.S. atrocities, terror and torture  
at Abu Ghraib,  
Guantanamo and  
Haditha.

# The Hard Questions

When does dissent become treason?

How can republics wage long wars  
against fanatical and bloody tyrannies  
when their enemies know  
their vulnerabilities to  
popular abhorrence of  
the barbarity of war

# Consequences of a False History

## Hate America

our children are taught a deconstructive  
history

not only of the Vietnam War,  
but also of a grievously flawed America.

Many do not believe

America is worth defending.

Vietnam became a template  
for destroying, “deconstructing,”  
the legitimacy of ordinary patriotism  
through ridicule of simple acts and  
symbols of allegiance,  
the pledge, the flag, and  
assaulting the integrity of  
the nation’s leaders as  
universally liars,  
fools and war criminals.

The pervasive perception that  
American wages unjust wars  
has eroded the very legitimacy of  
the America's exceptionalist claim to  
be  
the regime of liberty.

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# U.S. MARINE ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH

## Navy to Stop And Search Cargo Craft

Navies from  
everywhere are  
to be searched  
for...  
The Navy announced today that it will search all cargo craft...  
The search is part of a new anti-smuggling drive...  
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## President Calls Off All Campaign Trips

President Kennedy today called off all campaign trips...  
The president said he would not make any more...  
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## Crisis Sends Stock Prices Plummeting

Stock prices fell sharply today...  
The market was hit by news of...  
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## U.S., Russia New Facing Test of Will

The United States and Russia...  
The two superpowers are...  
The two superpowers are...  
The two superpowers are...  
The two superpowers are...

## President Heeds History's Lesson

President Kennedy today...  
The president said he...  
The president said he...  
The president said he...  
The president said he...

## Hemisphere Field Perils By Missiles

The Western Hemisphere...  
The region is now...  
The region is now...  
The region is now...  
The region is now...