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Re: Lifton Posting on JFK Newsgroup on Internet Regarding Our Vietnam Document Release
 THESE ARE VERY INTERESTING STATEMENTS BY LIFTON. I HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO HIM ABOUT EITHER CUBA OR VIETNAM, OTHER
 than about three weeks ago when I made the very general comment (via e-mail) that we would be releasing
 some interesting documents on Cuba.To: Jeremy Gunn, Eileencc: From: Tom
 Samoluk/ARRBDate: 12/21/97 10:34:18 AMSubject: Lifton Posting on JFK Newsgroup on Internet Regarding
 Our Vietnam Document ReleaseI took the message below from Lifton off of the Internet. I was curious if
 anybody had contact with Lifton on the Vietnam document release (he wrongly says "released last week").
 Also, did Newman ever come in and review the documents?Please advise.Thanks.TomP.S. Also. a second
 Lifton posting on the Cuba document release.Subject: Newly Released Vietnam (withdrawal) DocsFrom: David
 Lifton <dlifton@earthlink.net>Date: Sat, Dec 20, 1997 09:10 ESTMessage-id:
 <349BD1DF.653E@earthlink.net>JUST RELEASED VIETNAM DOCUMENTS; anyone interested?SYNOPSIS: JCS
 documents released last week; including record of 8th SecDef Conference of 5/6/63. Available for \$25.The
 ARRB has just released previously classified documents from theJoint Chiefs of Staff concerning Vietnam---and
 in particular, the long sought after records of the "8th Sec Def Conference" of May 6, 1963 held in Hawaii.
 (Sec Def McNamara would periodically go out to Hawaii to meet with the top military brass at CINPAC
 headquarters at Camp Smith, Hawaii. Hence, the term "Sec Def Conference").The record of the 8th Sec Def
 conference on Vietnam of 6 May 63 drives the nail into the coffin for those fantasists who are still laboring
 under the illusion that JFK had any intention of doing anything but withdrawing from that conflict---albeit a
 withdrawal bundled in the political rhetoric of "we won" or "we turned it over to the Vietnamese" etc.The
 documents show that John Newman (JFK and Vietnam) was correct---that JFK had ordered McNamara to pull
 out, and McNamara was complying with his boss's orders.The record of the meeting(s) consist of a detailed
 record of the "discussions and the decisions reached at the conference on 6 May 1963." The military
 apparently had one plan for withdrawal, and McNamara told them that wasn't fast enough; that they must
 "draw up training plans. . . that will permit us to start an earlier withdrawal of U.S. personnel than proposed
 under the plan presented" (i.e., by the military brass).At the very least, McNamara demanded a plan to have
 1,000 men out by December 1963, but the whole tone of the document is "the sooner the better".McNamara's
 whole tone so alarmed the military that "General Harkin emphasized that he did not want to gather up 1,000
 U.S. personnel and have them depart with bands playing, flags flying, etc. This would have a bad effect on the
 Vietnamese, to be pulling out just when it appears they are winning." (Why yes, of course General
 Harkin!)McNamara kept pushing for a complete takeover of functions by the Vietnamese. Army Chief Earl
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