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Subject: Re: Lifton Posting on JFK Newsgroup on Internet Regarding Our Vietnam Document Release

in response to our media advisory that he received by email on 12/18/97. Dec. 18, he requested a sample set. I told him I would mail them. To my knowledge he only knew what information he got from the advisory, and he did not ask me any questions about the documents.

To: Tom Samoluk/ARRBcc: Eileen Sullivan/ARRBFrom: Jeremy Gunn/ARRBDate: 12/22/97 07:05:51 AMSubject: 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 Release

I 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. Tom P.S. Also, a second Lifton posting on the Cuba document release.

Subject: Newly Released Vietnam (withdrawal) DocsFrom: David Lifton <dflifton@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 the Joint 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 Record

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