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**Subject:** 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, Eileenc: 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 particularly, the longsought after records of the "8th Sec Def Conference" of May 6, 1963 heldin Hawaii.  
 (Sec Def McNamara would periodically go out to Hawaii to meetwith 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 drivesthe nail into the coffin for those fantasts who are still laboring  
 underthe illusion that JFK had any intention of doing anything but withdrawfrom that conflict---albeit a  
 withdrawal bundled in the politicalrhetoric of "we won" or "we turned it over to the Vietnamese" etc.The  
 documents show that John Newman (JFK and Vietnam) was correct---thatJFK had ordered McNamara to pull  
 out, and McNamara was complying withhis 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 May1963." The military  
 apparently had one plan for withdrawal, andMcNamara told them that wasn't fast enough; that they must  
 "draw uptraining plans. . . that will permit us to start an earlier withdrawalof U.S. personnel than proposed  
 under the plan presented" (i.e., by themilitary brass).At the very least, McNamara demanded a plan to have  
 1,000 men out byDecember 1963, but the whole tone of the document is "the sooner thebetter".McNamara's  
 whole tone so alarmed the military that "General Harkinsestimated that he did not want to gather up 1,000  
 U.S. personnel andhave them depart with bands playing, flags flying, etc. This would havea bad effect on the  
 Vietnamese, to be pulling out just when it appearsthey are winning." (Why yes, of course General  
 Harkins!)McNamara kept pushing for a complete takeover of functions by theVietnamese. Army Chief Earl  
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