

BUDDHA'S CHILD

MY FIGHT TO SAVE VIETNAM

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Ky -
a northerner
most skillful of Viet.

Who were Viet Minh

Dein - ^{Nov 63} was
U.S. behind it -

Where did American
waste money - what
program were you
opposed to.

You seem to like and
quote de Gaulle -
why

Nixon vs. Johnson

Kennedy - ¹ friend
What is it like to
read memoirs and
for the record reports
of your meetings years
later

b 1930

fled Vietnam in 78

when K4 became P.M. he was 10th in less than 3 yrs.

you call it the "bittersweet life of exile" p 228

7 French thought they were "superior human beings"

Baroude - french nickname for same as
Rambro - . I have no fear

French treated any fellow countrymen as all
communists - made them dig ditches

flight training in Morocco

Virgin at 21

married an Algerian at 24 - divorced several
years later - daughter and 4 sons stayed w me

Prime Minister - I was a flyer / no political background
June 65'

I asked Thieu to serve as Chief of State (Directorate)

I remained VNAF commander

put corps commanders in charge - worst end
corruption

What did you think of Robert McNamara -
he called you "bottoms of the barrel"

newspapers shut down p 142 -

Lodge - over two years we became close

I never prayed to Buddha for guidance 151

I wanted to drop ARVN in north - Americans
were against it.

How much did the US give VNAF in early 64'
Did NVN patrol boats attack Maddox Aug 2 64'

Maxwell Taylor - steak dinner

Sit down - with angry paternalistic attitudes
P112 - look at documents 36 yrs. later

What about John Paul Vann

Francis Fitz Gerald P116 - A-1 Skyraider

"Ladiesman and womanizer"

Air Vietnam Stewards - flew A-1

alongside DC-6
to flew Huey over downtown because
I was late for date

What was the secret protocol that Thieu
signed?

Why did you not accept summaries of
the generals to read -

Proud to call Johnson a friend

MacNamara - saw no signs of being brain 235

Two years later I feel 67' election a mistake

Who is Marvin Wolfe - American
photographer in Vietnam - quote from
Eddie Adams

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Nov 67' election - Thieu - Pres. won 3590000
Ky - V.P. 7 candidates

Tet - couldn't find Thieu - Mekong Delta
Gen Loan kills guerilla - Eddie Adams (65)
Americans wouldn't help us early photo
in offensive. Why?

Dream about Cholon - U.S. Helo hit
school with rocket - rumors Thieu was
behind it.

Mrs Thieu - didn't factory hit near her
Toussaint residence -

Tet offensive - my country's biggest Victory
Why didn't America tell us of impending attack -
this exposed their ties about Vietcong strength
Met LBJ in Honolulu in Feb 66' took Humphrey
back to Saigon "I was not impressed
with Mr Humphrey"

Plan for Da Nang - tears in Lodge's eyes.
p 207

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Henry
Calvert Lodge

Amb. Graham Martin

Edsworth
Brunker

Hariman

William Colby

Johnson

Wixson

Humphrey

Henry Kussinger

Gen Loan

368 Vietnamese leaders banned importing of Chinese goods
3 million Vietnamese files - 43rd in N. America

My book Twenty years - Twenty years - ~~per~~ editors
put words in my mouth - That's why I wrote
this book p350

Berkeley wanted you run against Thien - said they
2 million for your campaign 1971 - 4 years
unopposed
You regret your decision not to run

You didn't like Gen. Graham Martin Why

"Long bitter relationship w America" - why we
lost the war

45 Colt - a John Wayne gift
great robe - on the midway

Dirty Thirty - American pilots came to
VNAF in 1962

~~Several~~ CIA mission into North V.
Sandals vs. shoes CIA miscalculated

Flew drunk

Present wife - Kim

1 children

owned a
liquor
store

14 grand children
golf

12-23

De Nam confrontation
with Walt. —
I'm no "pesspet" —
P222

American results — a
badge of honor
became friends of Walt
decorated him —
Tabasco sauce for
years.

de Gaulle —
P228

despotic days
May 66

Buddhist
victory in De Nam

liked Nixon —
For if you are different.
I have some respect and
interest in you. If you
are average, I am
not interested P285