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I believe both sections four and five exhibit stories that support a turning point in the war. Many would regard monumental turning points in history as only those that made the history books. However, I believe even the stories that did not make the history books in their own way had an influence in the turning point to ending the war.

The first story I chose was from part four by Tuan Van Ban. His story was from his experience in Vietnam. He told a story of one in the battlefield, "Dug foxholes and waited". He discussed how the sound of bullets flying in the air, the sound of men dying for a cause they felt worthy to fight for. The reason I chose this story, was simply that I believe even the small acts in battle assisted in the overall advancement in the turning point to ending the war. The men and women who died for the cause added to the body count drawing attention to the actuality of war. When Americans realized the reality of the war, they were outraged demanding actions, demanding answers, and demanding the ending to the war.

The second story I chose was from Nguyen Khac Huynh. The reason I chose this story was simply that he made some very valuable points. The first point I would like to discuss is when he stated, "We are not afraid of exposing our own mistakes, but we don't think we missed any chance to make peace". I found this statement interesting, I believe both sides made mistakes and lives were lost in the process. War is an fortunate reality; however, if future lives can be prevented by learning from our mistakes then lives are not lost in vain. Huynh's disbelief in American tactics were shared by many. As he stated lives could have been saved, had peace talks been pursued? Huynh later admitted McNamara stated, "both sides missed opportunities he wants to distribute the blame for the war equally on the shoulders of both parties". This is a true statement; perhaps this was another point in the war that supported the decision in which decisions were made to end the war.

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