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I have chosen the story of Phan Xuan Sinh. I picked this account of his experience because I had not heard an account of a South Vietnamese military mis-intelligence before. My father and other family members **severed** in Vietnam and I had heard their accounts of bad or lack of intelligence. I have heard of innocent people **bring** hurt or killed at the **miss guided** hand of American troops and the regret and sadness it caused them. I can't imagine what he must **of** felt after firing of those fishermen. However, when he was able to remove the old man and woman from the "free-fire zone" he must of felt some good to have helped keep them safe for that moment. I do believe that their stories are as objective and factual as the human mind will let them be. I also believe that with time memories to become more blurred and subjective ,but, that the basic facts remain **intacted**.

I have chosen "Paradise Inland" from John Singaub as one of the most disappointing stories in Part 2 of "Patriots". I found it quite disturbing **at** we had used such psychological tactics. That we were at such a lost on how to possibly win or even save face in a war that was so clearly not ours, we would resort to this kind of a sham. In this story it also shows many other questionable decisions from the aircraft we used to bomb the enemy to how we could have stopped the follow of supplies to the North. It also speaks to the fact that at home (U.S.) the anti-war movement itself caused confusion and lowered morale for many our soldiers. Causing many to volunteer to return for another tour. I had heard of this before, my father severed four tours. I find as I read more about the official participants(government officials and other leaders)that I am questioning who was more censored and given more propaganda through out this war ,the Vietnamese people or the American people.

To look for positives where clearly negatives appear to out weigh them, could prove to be a difficult task. I do see some positive in that some American aid did get to the villages in the form of food and medical aid. There are stories of Americans working with the Vietnamese people in villages and helping them to improve their living conditions and creating life time friendships. I think what I see to be true for everyone (both Vietnamese and Americans) is the desire to survive and the strength to make the best out of bad situations. Time after time, in story after story, you see human

desire accomplish amazing feats.

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Very poorly written paper. All of the mechanical problems made your analysis nearly impossible to understand.