

them until they're gone. Tran Thi Gung would expect no different, if she and her friends invaded America, it's your homeland and you have a duty to protect from foreign invasion.

In Part 2 of *Patriots*, the head of the State Department's Vietnam Task Force (in 1963), Paul Kattenburg gives a disappointing account of one of many reasons why the war went so badly for the United States, ^{run on} pure ignorance of Vietnam and its culture. Kattenburg gives short, but concise details explaining the problems he observed at a National Security Council executive meeting in August, 1963. His observation retold in the text informs the reader how oblivious to facts the American architects of the Vietnam War were being, having little or no knowledge of the enemy they assumed they could beat. The members of the Security Council were idealistically determined to win the war, believing they had the sheer firepower to win the war, not willing to lose regardless of the costs (of lives or money). Despite paperwork and reports from the field in Vietnam saying otherwise, individuals like Vice-President Johnson, Secretary of State Rusk and Deputy Special Assistant Rostow ignored Kattenburg, all refused to listen to any conversation that was remotely negative!

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Unwilling to listen to an alternative answer for how to proceed in Vietnam (such as leaving, in Kattenburg's opinion), along with nobody in the room having any kind of cultural (or even language) expertise on Vietnam is one of the many reasons the war in Vietnam was so devastating for the United States. It was the longest war to date, many Americans were recorded not even knowing where Vietnam was on a global map, forcing President Johnson having to explain 'Why Vietnam' in the recorded video explaining to the public, why was it so important we had to fight and win in Vietnam. But we lost, for the first time ever, to a Third World country.

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The conversation Kattenburg had, which eventually cost him his position, was one of the factors why we lost the war, going into a situation immediately after observing the French losing despite their resources and technology. The United States assumed Communist North Vietnam could be beaten in a matter of months, with no idea of who we were fighting, and how long they had been willing to resist invading forces, over and over again, China, France, Japan, France and the United States. ^{run on} As observers of history, we know that Kattenburg's story rings true, as similar stories could be read in *Patriots*, such as U.S. State

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