

Department employee Evelyn Colbert's recollection, who knew first hand that the analysts and 'experts' were well aware that the U.S. was being far more optimistic about victory and Vietnamese enthusiasm then they led on.

The over estimation of U.S. power against a Third World country can't be underestimated, as similar problems can currently be observed with the current war in Afghanistan (another nation which has defended itself successfully against much larger world powers).

The testimony of Luyen Nguyen however, was an example that despite the countless lives lost in war and devastation, those who lived through the confrontation can eventually heal and find happiness. Luyen Nguyen was a South Vietnamese commando who was captured, tortured and a prisoner of North Vietnam for twenty-one years. In that time, the war ended and his wife eventually excepting he was dead, remarried. In 1987 Luyen Nguyen was released and found his family, including his wife (who immediately divorced her second husband) and began trying to recover the lost years of his life. The commando forces that Luyen Nguyen were compensated by the United States and he and his wife eventually moved to the U.S. and he became a professor of the University of Massachusetts.

Throughout his entire ordeal, one would have to ask who does Luyen Nguyen harbor hatred or resent for after so much of his life was stolen from him? The Communists who captured and stole over twenty years of his life? The United States for sending him into a disastrous situation, that he knew (and so did the U.S. agents that picked him) he was guaranteed to be killed or captured?

Instead Luyen Nguyen chose to make up for lost time, spending time with his family, and moved away from the painful memories in his own country to the United States. In the United States, despite how the country may have treated him earlier as an 'ally', not only did he move there, but became a professor of American studies, studying and teaching to the very country who probed him into losing so much of his life. Luyen Nguyen's story did show that despite the harm that can never be reversed in war, life can pick up and get better.

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