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Assignment 2

TURNING POINT

In John Gillian's story I saw three different turning points. The first was the result of a trip he took with three other WWII Vets from congress. They all arrived in South Vietnam as supporters of the war effort. After seeing the massive build-up, a briefing by Gen. Westmoreland, and the failure of a mission by American pilots to take out a bridge in North Vietnam and the success of a Viet Cong to take out a bridge in South Vietnam by bicycle, he and eight others turned to non-supporters. This by, just seeing for himself, - us instead of listening to others.

The second turning point came with the assassination of Robert Kennedy. He felt that Kennedy could win the election to be President, end the war and our country would have been better for it. - even though author ^{was} turning proved otherwise?

The third was the failure to get the "peace plank" into the Democrat Platform for the 1968 election. The top two nominees were Humphrey and McCarthy, with the peace plank Humphrey would be able to separate from Johnson's war policies and McCarthy could then throw his support to Humphrey. The peace plank failed, McCarthy didn't fall in line and the election was turned over to Nixon. who got the US out of war/Vietnam

ENDING

Alexander M. Haig's account presses the notion that the ^{end} actually came at the beginning. Although, through~~out~~ his account, he points out on many occasions the war's outcome could have been changed and brought to a swifter conclusion, if only we had used our might and resources against Hanoi and made it clear to Moscow that we intended to win, as Eisenhower had done during the Korean conflict. PT

With this all said it still comes down to the end came at the beginning. In the first paragraph he says "Either you conduct the conflict with all the assets the United States has at its disposal to bring about a quick successful outcome or you stay out. We didn't do either in Vietnam."

Much too brief to analyze either part well.