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Hist 195 Assignment 2

Part 1 - Turning Point

To me, Samuel Huntington's story "you had to be pretty stupid to stay out in the countryside" is the best example of a "turning point" in the war. Sam had been to Vietnam twice, first time was in 1962, and second time was in 1967. In 1962, Saigon was 80% rural, but in 1967, Sam just saw that Saigon developed as half-half urban and rural. At that time, according to the situation on the battlefield, Sam thought that U.S. was fighting a conventional war with North Vietnam's rolling into South Vietnam and pulled U.S. out. (Otherwise, the Southeast Asia Economies were developing in the countries which was not affected by Communist insurrection, thus the Domino phenomenon will happen in Vietnam soon) Then those cases made Sam think they cannot win the war because Saigon seems like a city in 1967, then Saigon attracted people moving from rural to urban, and U.S. need to face all the problems which caused by rising population and not just a countryside. Sam said an example about collection garbage in Saigon, he asked: should U.S. do it or let Vietnamese do it. To me, it's too obvious that those moved people would push U.S. army from equipment advantage in the war into a dilemma of urban problems.

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Part 2 - Ending

In part 5, Daniel Davidson's story "I wouldn't buy a used car from that man" is the best example of an ending of the war to me. Daniel mentioned that both of hawks and doves of U.S. government did not want to give up the war caused the ending of the war. Hawks want to continually fight to beat North Vietnam and doves want to use the method of diplomacy to reach the purpose of ending the war. And in Paris, the meeting took several months to decide the shape of the table, it's obvious that North Vietnam want U.S. recognize NLF is a separated party in the war. I watched a TV program said that some videos of South Vietnam Army indiscriminately killing people was posted, even lived on TV in America, and that was a reason of American wanted their government to stop the war. We can just imagine that a country is fighting outside and its people are opposition of what their government is doing, how can they win the fight? The answer is no, they won't.

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