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I was disappointed in the section from Daniel Redmond. Here is a man who claims he is catholic, and thinks that he is doing something great for the vietnamese catholics, when he is only pushing an agenda to keep a corrupt and violent man in power. I understand that the United States might not have been aware of what kind of leader Diem might have been, they certainly did find out. How many people lost their possessions, or even their lives trying to flee from the north, only because we wanted what would best suit our needs for the south and how to control it. Why is it that as far as our own government goes, we have no problem only thinking of ourselves and what we think best suits us? Only to find out that we were wrong most of the time anyway.

I found a few positive parts in this story. One was from Henry Prunier when he is describing the men he had helped train and their love and admiration of Ho Chi Minh. Henry knew that he and his fellow soldiers had just basically trained the men, but he recognized their desire and will to win. from reading, I felt like he had admired them for their passion and commitment. He also recognized the wrongdoing of the United States and our position of not truly helping Ho Chi Minh or the people of Vietnam fight for their independence. How quickly people had forgotten that it was only 169 years before that we Americans had fought for our own independence. The other story that I found to be positive was that of Vo Nguyen Giap. While he was talking I could feel his sense of pride and devotion to his country. Here was a man who had been through so much, yet his spirit is still strong. Even after all that he had seen and done, he still later on in his life tries to help people learn and understand what happened in Vietnam, and how not to make the same mistakes again.

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