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"I mentioned my interest in Vietnam the first couple of weeks I was there, but he" (David Novick) "gave me no encouragement. Most of the Rand projects on Vietnam were in other departments - Social Science, Logistics, and Engineering - and he said up front that wanting to go to Vietnam was no way to get ahead in his department. He appealed to my ego though, by saying that the department was sorely in need of the kind of intellectual upgrading I would bring to bear. He needed cost estimates of weapons systems for the Air Force, and the statistical methodology used for delivering these estimates needed refinement, so that's what I set off to do. But I also set about reading everything I could get my hands on in the general Rand files. These files now, for example, contain a study Rand made of the Kennedy assassination: Project Star. It's a particularly special

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study - its classification is higher than top secret. Only a handful of Rand people know of its existence. Rand files also hold studies of the negotiating postures in the IndoChina War, such being the specialty of the head of the Rand Social Science department, Fred Stele, a former MIT professor and close personal friend of Henry Kissinger. Sentences before and following those on K included to provide context. Context is interesting: the war in IndoChina! No need to point significance of "particularly special" and "higher than top secret" to you. You ought to have copy of Ramparts for your files.