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Chiefs, who had more frequent
ate contact with both the mili-
tary and the civil front in
Vietnam.

"In going through the re-
ports," Acheson said, "it
seemed to me that the situa-
tion was quite different from
the way it appeared when all
these reports got sifted and
came out through the ambas-
sador, the chairman of the
Joint Chiefs and the head of
the CIA.

Acheson said he told the
President the situation was
like a football game—like ex-
pecting the Redskins to win
the championship without de-
fensive ends.

"We could score anytime we
wanted to," Acheson said.
"There wasn't any trouble
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the government that we were
trying to protect."