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last year he insisted on talking  
to people who were lower  
down the line than the Joint  
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  
about...  
the very...  
around our ends and raising  
havoc with the population and  
the government that we were  
trying to protect."