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National Review:**'U.S.-Viet Nuclear Contingency Plan'**

NEW YORK — (AP) — The National Review has published what it says are secret government documents on Vietnam which show that the U.S. Defense Department had a contingency plan for the "demonstration drop" of a nuclear device in Indochina as early as 1954.

The conservative magazine said the use of nuclear weapons was again proposed by the military in 1962 and that Feb. 12, 1965, indicates the proposal "remained alive within the military as well as at least one section of the intelligence communities."

Titled "The Secret Papers They Didn't Publish," the July 27 issue of the magazine said the documents were from far more extensive files and had not been among the Pentagon Papers in the New York Times and the Washington Post.

However, the National Review did not say whether its documents were part of the Pentagon study of the Vietnam war which Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara initiated.

A statement accompanying the issue said the documents were made available "in protest against what the informant held to be distorted impressions conveyed by the documents published in the New York Times."

It added that editor of the National Review, columnist William F. Buckley Jr., "is out of town and is not available for comment."

One document, said to be a memorandum from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to McNamara on Jan. 13, 1962, proposed a number of "sharply escalated measures that have been proposed and studied and for which contingency plans have long existed." They were:

- The demonstration drop of a nuclear device, followed by the use "of nuclear bombs and devices where militarily suitable" if North Vietnam failed to respond.
- The closing of Haiphong and Sihanoukville harbors and the blockade of the North Vietnamese and Cambodian coasts.
- Rapid destruction of all North Vietnamese thermal power installations.
- Destruction of the rail lines linking North Vietnam and China.
- Destruction of the Red River dikes and irrigation systems, thus destroying a primary North Vietnamese food source.
- Neutralization of Communist China's Hainan Island.