

- 8 Feb 71 South Vietnamese cross border into Laos.
Craig R. Whitney, NYTimes 9 Feb 71 -
filed Indochina.
- 18 Mar 71 Retreat from Laos begins about this time.
Alvin Shuster, NYTimes 19 Mar 71 -
filed Indochina.
- 14 Apr 71 Helms defends CIA in first public speech
as director. NYTimes says this is
probably the first public speech of any
CIA director in ten years.
Richard Halloran, NYTimes 15 Apr 71.
- 13 Jun 71 NYTimes begins publishing Pentagon study
of the war. Note accompanying second
installment 14 Jun 71 indicates the Times
had had the study for "over three months."
First installment was published on
13 Jun 71, a Sunday; not in file.
Second installment 14 Jun 71 -
filed Pentagon study.
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- 5 Apr 71 Congressman Paul N. McCloskey, Republican, and
Congressman Jerome Waldie, Democrat, leave for
Vietnam and Laos, to "get the facts."
William V. Shannon, NYTimes 6 Apr 71,
filed Indochina/Reaction.
- 14 Apr 71 - Helms makes speech.
- 17 Apr 71 - McCloskey and Waldie return "with charges of
devastation in Laos, gross involvement by the
[CIA] in Vietnamese security affairs and
concerted efforts by American authorities to
conceal information."
Aline Cline, SF Examiner, 18 Apr 71,
filed Indochina/Reaction.

The authors reveal, for example, that the American intelligence community repeatedly provided the policy makers with what proved to be accurate warnings that desired goals were either unattainable or likely to provoke costly reactions from the enemy.....

Hedrick Smith (NYTimes), SFChronicle 14 Jun 71

Dr. Ellsberg ... said that President Johnson did not lack accurate intelligence estimates from the [CIA] before escalating the war. "The decisions seem to have been made year after year in the light of what was adequate information to make better decisions," he said "If the President had this information available, why did he ignore it, why did he listen to Walt Rostow and McGeorge Bundy instead of people who had a very good track record of prediction? I do not have any conclusive answer to that."

Robert Reinhold, NYTimes 2 Jul 71

The Pentagon history discloses that most of these major decisions from 1950 on were made against the advice of the American intelligence community. The Pentagon study does not deal at length with a major question: Why did the policy-makers go ahead despite the intelligence estimates prepared by their most senior intelligence officials?

(No byline) NYTimes 5 Jul 71

Indeed, the [intelligence] community emerges in the Pentagon Papers as the closest thing to heroes that the revelations afford. Time and time again, they warned that the "domino theory" was illusory, that bombing and other military actions would have or were having little effect on the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese will to resist. And time and time again, their professional assessments were turned aside.

David Murray (Chicago Sun-Times editorial writer and national correspondent), in review of Bantam ed of Pentagon study, SFExaminer 22 Jul 71

All above filed Pentagon study