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Daniel Ellsberg: U.S. not a loser
in Vietnam . . .

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Daniel Ellsberg ... doesn't believe the United States was defeated in Vietnam.

"This is a success for the American people who constitutionally forced an end to the war on an unwilling administration. It's a success of democratic process against the policies of six successive administrations," he said during a lengthy interview with the Examiner.

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"It turns out that the executive did not go unchallenged. But it took a long time. We had lost democratic control over foreign policy almost completely.

"The American people had no more control over the December '72 bombing of Hanoi than the Soviet public had over the invasion of Czechoslovakia (in 1968).

"However it turned out the democratic potential we had was greater than any the Soviet Union had to draw on. Over three years we regained control.

"It shows the differences and how we must hold onto and enlarge them.

"The extreme anti-Communists who were determining foreign policy have been reducing those differences. "

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