

CAUSE-AND-EFFECT

Some people are skeptical about current official explanations of momentous events. Sometimes they probe into forbidden areas. Lacking positive proof for their more-than-guesses, they may express themselves by inferences. Sometimes these inferences are almost too awful to contemplate.

The war in Vietnam is a case in point. It was preceded by several curious events, very questionable and still buried in confusion. Eventually, a possible relationship between these events will be sorted out:

1. As President Eisenhower was leaving the presidency he surprisingly warned of the military-industrial complex.

2. President Kennedy rejected the CIA blueprint, involving direct U.S. military participation, for the Bay of Pigs invasion. A fiasco and an embarrassment followed.

3. President Kennedy dismissed the head of the CIA. He took steps to bring it under his control, and also to make the military more responsive to the presidency.

4. President Kennedy worked for peaceful co-existence with the USSR, against strong opposition.

5. Again withstanding considerable pressure, President Kennedy refused to directly involve U.S. forces in Vietnam, foreseeing an unending quagmire of escalation.

6. President Kennedy was assassinated. The Warren Report "localized" the assassination, while the rest of the world looked on amazed and incredulous.

7. The Tonkin Bay incident took place with only radar detection. Nevertheless it caused Congress to give President Johnson a blank check on military action in Vietnam.

8. Military escalation followed smoothly until now we have a full-scale Korean-size war which Congress has not specifically authorized.

Outlandish as the inferences appear, they are not more so than the assassination of President Kennedy. Since man's beginning murder has been, and still is, the ultimate weapon.

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