A Guide to

THE WAR IN VIETNAM

Classified Histories

by the National Security Council
Acronyms and Abbreviations

AF  Air Force
AFB  Air Force Base
AFSTRIKE Air Force Strike
AIG  Adjutant or Assistant Inspector General
AIRDIV Air Division
ALP  Australian Labor Party
Amb.  Ambassador
AP  Associated Press
ARVN  Army, Republic of Vietnam
BLT  battalion landing team
ChiComs  Chinese Communists
CHJUSMAG  Chairman, Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group
CIA  Central Intelligence Agency
CINCAL  Commander-in-Chief, Alaska Command
CINCMEEAFSA  Commander-in-Chief, Middle East/Africa South of the Sahara/Southern Asia
CINCPAC  Commander-in-Chief, Pacific
CINCPACFLT  Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet
CINCAFSTRIKE  Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Air Force Strike
CINCUSARPAC  Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, Pacific
CJCS  Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
CNO  Chief of Naval Operations
COFRAM  controlled fragmentation munitions
COMDESDIV  Commander, DeSoto Division
COMPACFLT  See CINCPACFLT
COM7THFLT  Commander, 7th Fleet
COMUSMACV  Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
COSVN  Central Office of South Vietnam (North Vietnamese High Command in South Vietnam)
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