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MEMORANDUM FOR: KEN BELIEU
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SUBJECT: "Origins of Vietnam War"

Soon after the Pentagon Papers were released publicly, the Congress put into action plans to study the whole question of Vietnam War origins.

In the Senate I believe Mansfield and Scott created a Select Committee. In the House similar action was taken. But the matter appears to be dead, perhaps because the Democrats now feel it in their interest to cover up the story.

Can the three of us discuss this today?