

**Continuum**

**1950**  
\*Fund French Occupation

**1954**  
\*Fund Diem's rise  
\*Fight Ho Chi Minh

**1956**  
\*Cancel National Elections

**1963**  
\*Orchestrate Overthrow  
Diem's Gov't  
\*Assassinate Diem

**1964**  
\*Tonkin Gulf Resolution  
\*Attack N. V. in Gulf

**1965**  
\*Operation  
Rolling Thunder

**1968**  
\*Escalation—1/2 million US troops in Vietnam  
\*Tet Offensive—month-long N. Vietnam offensive into S. Vietnam cities  
\*Johnson quits—war president doesn't seek reelection  
\*Assassinations—anti-war leaders Robert Kennedy & MLK, Jr.  
\*Chicago Democratic Convention Riots—police v. protesters  
\*Rise Republicans—Nixon wins presidency promising withdrawal from Vietnam

**1969**  
\*My Lai Massacre of innocent Vietnamese revealed  
\*Vietnamization begins—gradual training of South Vietnamese troops to replace US troops

**1970**  
\*Cambodian Invasion—war expands to clear out VC & Ho Chi Minh Trail  
\*Kent State Disaster—4 students killed during protest

**1971**  
\*Pentagon Papers—secret papers leaked showing government lied about war reasoning

**1973**  
\*Final US Withdrawal

**1975**  
**Fall of Saigon**  
\*Communist takeover South Vietnam  
\*1/2 million S. Vietnamese imprisoned  
\*1.5 million flee Vietnam  
\*Cambodian Civil War kills millions

**Turning Point Vietnam War**

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