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Collection Summary
Title: Neil Sheehan Papers
Span Dates: 1920-1993
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1960-1993)
ID No.: MSS80429
Creator: Sheehan, Neil
Extent: 110,000 items; 239 containers plus 8 classified and 1 oversize; 129 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Author and journalist. Correspondence, drafts of writings, notes, research material, interview transcripts, and other papers relating to Sheehan's writings concerning the Vietnam War, especially his books, A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam (1988) and After the War Was Over: Hanoi and Saigon (1992), and to publication of the Pentagon Papers.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Alsop, Joseph, 1910-1989.--Correspondence.
Braestrup, Peter. Peter Braestrup interview.
Christian, George, 1927-. George Christian interview.
Colby, William Egan, 1920-. William Egan Colby interview.
Colby, William Egan, 1920-.--Correspondence.
Ellsberg, Daniel.--Correspondence.
Ellsberg, Daniel. Daniel Ellsberg interview.
Habib, Philip Charles, 1920-. Philip Charles Habib interview.
Halberstam, David.--Correspondence.
Halberstam, David. David Halberstam interview.
Harkins, Paul D. (Paul Donal), 1904-1984.--Correspondence.
Huỳnh, Văn Cao.--Correspondence.
Huỳnh, Văn Cao. Văn Cao Huỳnh interview.
Kissing, Henry, 1923-.--Correspondence.
Komer, R. W.--Correspondence.
Krukak, Victor H. Victor H. Krulkak interview.
Krukak, Victor H.--Correspondence.
Lansdale, Edward Geary, 1908-1987.--Correspondence.
Ly, Tổng Bá. Tổng Bá Lý interview.
Nguyễn, Văn Thới, 1923-2001.--Correspondence.
Ngô, Dzu. Dzu Ngô interview.
Sheehan, Neil.
Sheehan, Neil. After the war was over: Hanoi and Saigon. 1992.
Taylor, Maxwell D. (Maxwell Davenport), 1901-1987--Correspondence.
Trần, Ngọc Châu, 1924- Ngọc Châu Trần interview.
Trần, Ngọc Châu, 1924- Correspondence.
Vann, John Paul. John Paul Vann papers.

Organizations
Martin Marietta Corporation.
United Press International.
United States. Agency for International Development.
United States. Army--Officers.
United States. Department of Defense.
Vietnam (Republic). Quân lục.

Subjects
Journalists--Indochina.
Journalists--Vietnam.
Journalists--Washington (D.C.)
Presidents--United States--Election--1964.

Places
Hanoi (Vietnam)--History.
Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)--History.
United States--Armed Forces--Periodicals.
United States--Foreign relations--Vietnam.
Vietnam--Foreign relations--United States.

Titles
Current news; early bird edition.
New York times.
Pentagon Papers.

Occupations
Authors.
Journalists.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Neil Sheehan, author and journalist, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Sheehan between 1990 and 1994. The papers deposited before 1993 were processed as the Vann-Sheehan Vietnam War Collection, and the John Paul Vann papers, principally in Containers 25-57, were converted to a gift in 1994. Included in the Vann-Sheehan Vietnam War Collection is a compilation of Current News, a Defense Department publication given to the Library in 1992 as an addition to the Sheehan Papers by Peter Braestrup. Papers received in 1994 remain on deposit and have been organized as a separate series entitled Professional File.

Processing History
The papers of Neil Sheehan were processed in 1993 and 1994. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Additional Guides
Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Some maps have been transferred to the Library's Geography and Map Division. Sound recordings of interviews have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. Some photographs have been transferred to the Prints & Photographs Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Neil Sheehan Papers.

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Notes

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<td><strong>Date</strong></td>
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<td>1961-1962</td>
<td>Night editor, Asian bureau, United Press International, Tokyo, Japan</td>
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1971  Pentagon Papers excerpted in the *New York Times*

1972  Published *The Arnheiter Affair* (New York: Random House. 304 pp.)
Began leave of absence from the *New York Times* to write a biography of John Paul Vann

1975  Resigned from the *New York Times*

1988  Published *A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam* (New York: Random House. 861 pp.)
Received National Book Award

1989  Awarded Pulitzer Prize

1992  Published *After the War Was Over: Hanoi and Saigon* (New York: Random House. 131 pp.)

**John Paul Vann**

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<td>Attended Ferrum Training School and Junior College, Ferrum, Va.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1942</td>
<td>Changed name to John Paul Vann</td>
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<td>1943</td>
<td>Enlisted in army; assigned to Army Air Corps</td>
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<td>1945</td>
<td>Graduated, Navigation School, receiving rank of second lieutenant, Army Air Corps&lt;br&gt;Married Mary Jane Allen (divorced 1971)</td>
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<td>1946</td>
<td>Commissioned, Regular Army&lt;br&gt;Attended Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.</td>
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<td>1947</td>
<td>Transferred to infantry</td>
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<tr>
<td>1950</td>
<td>Supply and evacuation officer, Twenty-fifth Infantry Division, Korean War</td>
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<td>1950-1951</td>
<td>Commander, Ranger Company, Twenty-fifth Infantry Division, Korean War</td>
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<td>1952-1954</td>
<td>Attended Rutgers University Business School, New Brunswick, N.J. &lt;br&gt;Instructor, Reserve Officer Training Corps, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1957-1958</td>
<td>Attended Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.</td>
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<td>1958-1959</td>
<td>Attended Army Comptrollers School, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y., completing M.B.A. in statistics and residency requirements for a doctorate in public administration</td>
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1962  Staff advisor, III Corps Headquarters, Saigon, South Vietnam  
Senior advisor, Seventh Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, with headquarters in 
My Tho, South Vietnam

1963  Assigned to the Pentagon  
Retired from the army


1965  Province representative, Agency for International Development, Hau Nghia, South Vietnam

1966  Manager, Revolutionary Development Cadre Project, Vung Tau pacification training center, South Vietnam

1966-1969  Deputy director for field operations and director, Office of Civil Operations (OCO), Region III, South Vietnam

1969-1971  Deputy, Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS), Region IV, South Vietnam

1971  Senior Advisor with power of command over military forces, Region II, South Vietnam

1972, June 9  Died in a helicopter crash near the Montagnard hamlet of Ro Uay, South Vietnam

**Scope and Content Note**


The Vann-Sheehan Vietnam War Collection includes publication records for *A Bright Shining Lie*, a research file, interviews and notes, official documents, and a Current News file containing issues of the Defense Department's compilation of press clippings published during the war. The arrangement reflects the organization established by Sheehan as he studied and wrote about the Vietnam War and John Paul Vann.

The biographical element of *A Bright Shining Lie* is based on Vann's personal papers given to Sheehan by the family. Declassified copies of documents relating to Vann were acquired by Sheehan through the Freedom of Information Act from the United States Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Vann's papers document his activities in Vietnam, his military career prior to Vietnam, his family and personal life, his civilian work for the Martin Company in Denver, and his political affiliations, especially his involvement in the 1964 presidential campaign. Vann's correspondents include Joseph Alsop, Huynh Van Cao, Tran Ngoc Chau, William Egan Colby, Daniel Ellsberg, David Halberstam, Paul D. Harkins, Henry Kissinger, Robert W. Komer, Victor H. Krulak, Edward Geary Lansdale, Richard M. Nixon, Maxwell D. Taylor, and Nguyen Van Thieu.

Papers documenting Vann's military career primarily concern his service in Vietnam as an army lieutenant colonel appointed senior advisor to the South Vietnamese army (ARVN) in the Mekong River delta. Reports and memoranda for the Ap Bac battle and Dan Tien operations in 1962-1963, along with Vann's correspondence and press accounts by Sheehan and David Halberstam, document Vann's criticism of the South Vietnamese government and armed forces and his advocacy of political reform and direct military intervention by the United States. Viewed with increasing disfavor by the American command staff, Vann retired from the army soon after completing his Vietnam tour of duty in 1963.
The war remained a central concern for Vann, and in 1965 when American combat troops were sent to fight in southeast Asia, he joined the action as a State Department pacification official. Vann's Agency for International Development records document his work with the pacification program from 1965 to 1972. Vann and his colleagues wanted to “harness” a social revolution to the United States war effort, and their proposals (see especially, "Harnessing the Revolution" in container 48), policy statements, reports, training manuals, and correspondence document the instruction given to the Vietnamese in self-defense, fighting insurgents, intelligence gathering, and suggestions for efficient representative government.

Vann's quick rise through the ranks of the pacification program was based on his grasp of military objectives and his extensive field knowledge of war developments. In 1971 he was appointed to an unprecedented civilian command of troops defending the Central Highlands against a long-awaited attack by North Vietnamese regular forces. Records for the defense of Kontum, Pleiku, and other battles of the North Vietnamese army's 1972 Easter offensive are in the Vann subseries, Region II files. Supplemental documentation can be found in the Vietnam subseries under North Vietnam offensives and the Individuals subseries in files for soldiers who worked with Vann to defend the Central Highlands.

Sheehan's primary sources on the Vietnam War for A Bright Shining Lie include the Pentagon Papers and other official documents, supplemented by interviews and supporting records provided by key participants. When Sheehan was a reporter for the New York Times in 1971, he obtained copies of the Pentagon Papers from Daniel Ellsberg. The term "Pentagon Papers" was coined by the New York Times to describe the forty-seven volume "History of U.S. Decision-Making Process on Vietnam Policy, 1945-1967" compiled at the Pentagon upon the request of Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara. This multivolume work is an annotated compilation or summary of relevant government documents, most of them classified, with introductory essays by various government analysts. Sheehan's Pentagon Papers file, listed as part of the Official Documents subseries, includes photocopied portions of government documents which remain classified and thus are stored separately. His copy of volumes one and two of the House Committee on Armed Services Pentagon Papers edition, published as United States-Vietnam Relations, 1945-1967, is annotated to mark censored passages. Notes relating to the Pentagon Papers can be found in Bright Shining Lie publication records and throughout the Research File especially under Ellsberg in the Individuals subseries and in the Subject File subseries. Publication of the Pentagon Papers by the New York Times in 1971, and subsequently by Bantam Books and Beacon Press, is documented in the second series of the collection, the Professional File.

Sheehan's Research File of papers from military and civilian personnel includes government memoranda and documents, letters, orders, command guidance, and studies dealing with Vann and the Vietnam War. Richard Ziegler gave his journal documenting the ARVN Seventh Infantry Division in 1962-1963, and Daniel Ellsberg provided Sheehan with copies of reports and position papers, as did other RAND analysts such as Charles Benoit. Papers were contributed by Tran Ngoc Chau, a Vietnamese politician who was tried for treason by the Nguyen Van Thieu government in South Vietnam. Sheehan also obtained reports from Vann's commanders and copies of documents from various archives. Fellow news correspondents, especially David Halberstam, gave Sheehan copies of interview notes. These materials, along with Sheehan's notes and clippings, are distributed by subject throughout the Research File.

While writing A Bright Shining Lie, Sheehan interviewed more than four hundred Americans, Vietnamese, and foreign news correspondents. The interviews are documented in nearly two hundred stenographic notebooks, six hundred audiocassette tapes, and typed summaries of more than one hundred interview tapes. Correspondence clarifying points raised in interviews and other supporting documentation can occasionally be found in the Research File. Among those interviewed were generals Ly Tong Ba, Huynh Van Cao, William E. DePuy, Pham Van Dong, Ngo Dzu, Victor H. Krulak, Edward Geary Lansdale, William C. Westmoreland, and Robert H. York; reporters Joseph Alsop, Peter Braestrup, and David Halberstam; White House and executive branch officials, including Ellsworth Bunker, George Christian, William Egan Colby, Philip Charles Habib, Robert W. Komer, and Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr; analysts such as Daniel Ellsberg; and politicians such as Tran Ngoc Chau.

The Professional File in the collection documents Sheehan's broader career as a journalist and author. The Books and Articles subseries contains publication records and research files. Material relating to After the War Was Over includes interviews conducted in 1989 of Vietnamese who were consulted by Sheehan years earlier for A Bright Shining Lie. Sheehan's New York Times file documents his career with the newspaper. His first assignment was with the metropolitan desk, but he was soon reassigned to Indonesia where he reported on the crisis surrounding President Achmed Soekarno and the military's suppression of a communist-led uprising in 1965. Sheehan then returned to Vietnam as a war correspondent. After 1966, he covered the war from Washington. As a Pentagon and national security reporter, Sheehan was responsible for Defense Department issues in general and for the war in Vietnam from a political perspective.
The *New York Times* file reflects the conflict and symbiosis inherent between a democratic government and the press. It also documents the evolution of Sheehan's own stand on the Vietnam War. Sheehan's position evolved from the stance he espoused in a widely read 1966 article, "Not a Dove But No Longer a Hawk," to more thorough opposition to the war later, especially after reading and reporting on the Pentagon Papers.

The *New York Times* file documents aspects of the decision to publish excerpts of the Pentagon Papers and the bitter legal battle which ensued. The Books and Articles file includes publication records for the one-volume Bantam Books version, edited by Sheehan, and later reissued by Quadrangle Press. Sheehan's copy of volumes 1-3 of the Beacon Press publication of the Pentagon Papers, known as the "Senator 'Mike' Gravel" edition, is annotated to mark censored passages. The files include correspondence, memoranda, notes, speeches, and records of legal proceedings, the Justice Department investigation, press coverage, and journalism prizes.

The United Press International–Indochina subseries includes business records of the Saigon bureau but is predominately a file of Sheehan's dispatches from South Vietnam for 1962-1964. Sheehan's dispatches are in the form of telegraphic transmissions some of which are coded. As a cost-saving measure, routine news was sent by cast account; urgent stories and bulletins were sent as cables. The dispatches offer a detailed record of war reporting during the period when United States advisors, including John Paul Vann, assisted the South Vietnamese government in combating insurgents.

Vietnamese names in the collection are alphabetized by the last part of the given name. The family name is the first element, as in Ngo and Vo for Ngo Dinh Diem and Vo Nguyen Giap. Sheehan followed tradition in referring to the Vietnamese by the last part of their given names, as in Diem and Giap. His alphabetization has been preserved even though it differs from name authority standards of the Library of Congress which cite family names first.

### Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in twelve series:

- Vann-Sheehan Vietnam War Collection: Interviews and Notes, 1972-1987
- Professional File: Books and Articles, 1964-1992
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Description of Series

**Container**  
**Series**

**BOX 1-25**  
**Vann-Sheehan Vietnam War Collection: Bright Shining Lie, 1963-1993**
Drafts by Sheehan for A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam with supporting files of correspondence, outlines, excerpts, photographs, records of sources, and working files of notes and documentation. Arranged alphabetically by type of material or subject.

**BOX 25-107**  
**Vann-Sheehan Vietnam War Collection: Research File, circa 1920-1991**

**BOX 25-57**  
**John Paul Vann, circa 1920-1984**

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**Correspondence, circa 1950-1984**
Correspondence to and from Vann and occasionally to and from Sheehan concerning Vann. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or subject.

**BOX 30-36**  
**Family and Personal Papers, circa 1920-1983**
Correspondence, legal and financial papers, photographs, school and church papers, death and funeral records, and clippings arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

**BOX 36-39**  
**Military Service, 1942-1964**
Vann's service records, including personnel and efficiency reports, medical and military police investigation records, photographs, promotion orders, security clearances, and teaching records. Records from the Seventh Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, include after-action reports, briefings, correspondence, clippings, interviews, and photographs. Interspersed in the files are notes and material composed by Sheehan, including correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

**BOX 40**  
**Civilian Activities, 1961-1971**
Correspondence, personnel records, printed material, clippings, and records of security reviews during Vann's employment by the Martin Company, Denver, Colo., and correspondence and printed matter concerning his political activities and speaking engagements. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

**BOX 41-55**  
**State Department, Agency for International Development, Vietnam, 1964-1984**
Correspondence, memoranda, reports, briefings, photographs, position papers, policy statements, planning guides, printed material and clippings, training manuals, and other administrative records of Vann's work as a pacification officer for AID in South Vietnam, 1965-1972. Also includes Vann's diaries and notebooks, most of which are incomplete, award certificates, personnel records, and speech transcripts. Notes and correspondence by Sheehan are interfiled with Vann's papers. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

**BOX 55-57**  
**Subject File, 1964-1984**
Notes by Sheehan, clippings, photographs, and printed material concerning Vann.
Arranged alphabetically by subject.

**BOX 58-83**

**Individuals, 1957-1991**
Correspondence, notebooks, journals, position and strategy papers, briefings, after-action reports, general reports, book and article manuscripts and other writings, trial transcripts, interview notes, maps, photographs, press releases, administrative records, training guidelines, and printed material collected by Sheehan, together with his notes. Material concerns individuals involved in the Vietnam War and background to the conflict in world history.
Arranged alphabetically by name of individual and thereunder by subject or type of material.

**BOX 83-103**

**Vietnam, 1953-1990**
Printed matter, maps, photographs, and notes by Sheehan concerning Vietnamese history.
Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

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**Subject File, 1950-1985**
Notes by Sheehan and material he collected including reports, article manuscripts, clippings and other printed material.
Arranged alphabetically by subject.

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**Notebooks, 1972-1987**
Notes by Sheehan on interviews, documents, and other sources compiled in spiral notebooks.
Arranged as numbered by Sheehan. A card index and inventory are placed at the beginning of the series.

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**Tape Summaries, 1973-1975**
Typed summaries of selected interviews recorded by Sheehan on audiocassette tapes, with occasional annotations by Sheehan. Arranged alphabetically by name of person interviewed.

**BOX 123-132**

Documents collected by Sheehan from the Ellsworth Bunker Papers, the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, the Pentagon Papers, and the State Department.
Arranged alphabetically according to source.

**BOX 133-152**

Organized by year and month.

**BOX 153-163**

**Professional File: Books and Articles, 1964-1992**
Drafts, research files, interviews, and notes for Sheehan's 1992 book After the War Was Over, and drafts, correspondence, notes, award citations and nominations, legal documents, and other material concerning various writings about the Vietnam War, most notably the publication of the Pentagon Papers.
Files are arranged alphabetically by title, thereunder by document type or subject.

Fact sheets, information kits, press releases, printed matter, photographs, reports, statements, and other background material collected in the course of Sheehan's work as a reporter, along with his byline clippings and copy submissions, correspondence, memoranda, and notes.

Files are arranged alphabetically by assignment as Defense Department correspondent, Metropolitan desk staff, Indonesia correspondent, office files, Vietnam correspondent, and White House correspondent. Thereunder, folders are arranged alphabetically by subject or name of person. The office files are general in nature and include chronological files of byline clippings, copy submissions, correspondence, memoranda, notes, and miscellaneous items, such as records of speeches and public appearances.


An office file of background material, correspondence, financial records, notes, and carbon copies of dispatches from Sheehan's tenure as bureau chief in Saigon, South Vietnam.

Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material and chronologically thereunder.

**Closed, 1937-1985**

Interview notes and summaries of taped interviews, along with audiocassette tapes, and subject files for Vann family members and other designated persons.

Organized alphabetically by type of material and thereunder by name.

Oversize, 1962-1971

Vann-Sheehan Vietnam War Collection material including photographs, award certificates, and maps.

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**Classified, 1960-1972**

Material containing security classified information organized and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.

**Top Secret, 1961-1969**

Material containing top secret information.

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| BOX 1 | Book text
Drafts
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  - Chapter 1, "The Funeral," 1976
  - Chapter 2, "The Beginning," undated
  - Chapter 3, "A Battle and a Resignation," undated
    (2 folders)
  - Chapter 5, "The Boy and His Origins; The Man and His Times"
    Notes, queries, and revisions, 1979-1980, undated
    (2 folders) |
| BOX 2 | (3 folders)
  - Text, 1977, undated
    (5 folders) |
| BOX 3 | Notes on Robert Loomis's comments, 1976
Second
  - Chapter 1, "The Funeral," undated
  - Chapter 2, "The Beginning"
    Notes, 1979, undated
    Text, undated
  - Chapter 3, "Antecedents to a Confrontation"
    Notes, 1978-1980, undated
    Partial text, undated
  - Chapter 4, "The Battle of Ap Bac"
    Notes, undated
    Text, undated
  - Chapter 5, "Taking on the System"
    Notes and revisions, 1977, undated
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    (2 folders) |
| BOX 4 | Queries, 1972-1978, undated
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| BOX 5     | Editing notes, 1988, undated  
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|           | Book III, "The Battle of Ap Bac"  
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|           | Queries and revisions, undated  
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|           | Book IV, "Taking on the System"  
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|           | Catalog of interviews, undated  
|           | Critiques and comments, 1982  
|           | Editing notes, 1987-1988, undated  
|           | Fact checking and revisions, undated  
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| BOX 8     | Book VI, "A Second Time Around"  
|           | Critiques and comments, 1984  
|           | Editing notes, 1987, undated  
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Economic stake of United States in Southeast Asia, 1978, undated
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  Communist leadership, 1987, undated
  Revolution, 1979, undated
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  Ap Bac battle, impact on
    Americans, 1983, undated
    Saigon, undated
    Vietcong, 1973, undated
Bridge section, 1978-1981, undated
Buddhist crisis, undated
Civilian casualties, undated
Corruption in United States military, undated
Diem, Ngo Dinh, coup, 1971-1976, undated
Individuals, undated
Miscellaneous, 1980-1981, undated
  (2 folders)
Statistics, undated
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Vann, John Paul
  Confrontation with Paul D. Harkins, undated
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  Joint Chiefs of Staff incident, 1980, undated
  Pentagon briefing campaign, undated
  Report of 8 Feb. 1963, undated
  Retirement, undated
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  Corruption, undated
  Ia Drang Valley, 1965, 1982, undated
  Miscellaneous notes, 1984, undated
  Operation Masher, 1966
  Rejection of "Harnessing the Revolution" proposal, 1983, undated
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Book VII, "John Vann Stays"
  Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN), undated
  Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS), undated
  Civilian casualties, 1984-1985, undated
  "The Climax"
    Kontum, finale, and crash, 1986, undated
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Cao, Huynh Van, 1963-1967, undated  
Chau, Tran Ngoc, 1963-1980, undated  
Chuong, Tran Van, 1963-1972  
Clay, Frank B., 1969  
Colby, William Egan, 1968-1972  
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Dunn, John M. ("Mike"), 1963-1975, undated  
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Faust, Elmer F., 1963-1967  
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Franzblau, Robert K., 1967-1971, undated  
Franzblau, Samuel, 1972  
Frost, Ralph E., 1965  
Gavin, James, 1967  
Good, Kenneth N., 1964, 1980, undated  
"G" miscellaneous, 1972  
Habib, Philip Charles, 1970, undated  
Halberstam, David, 1963-1972, undated  
Hamlett, Barksdale, 1963  
Harkins, Paul D., 1962-1963  
Herbert, James A., 1966-1971  
Herz, Martin F., 1970  
Hopkins, Margaret, 1972-1977, undated  
Hunter, Horace, 1971  
"H" miscellaneous, 1967-1970  
Jacobson, George, 1965-1979, undated  
Janowski, Louis F., 1970  
Johnson, Lyndon B., 1964-1974, undated  
Jones, Thomas S., 1967-1972  
"J" miscellaneous, 1964-1970 |
Kennedy, Edward M., 1968-1969
Kerwin, Walter T., 1969-1975
Kissinger, Henry, 1968-1980
Komer, Robert W., 1967-1972
"K" miscellaneous, 1970-1971
Lansdale, Edward Geary, 1965-1968, undated
Lodge, Henry Cabot, Jr., 1964-1979, undated
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MacLehose, Murray, 1969-1972
McCown, Hal D., 1969-1971
McCoy, William L., 1967-1971
"M" miscellaneous, 1963-1971
"N" miscellaneous, 1970-1971
Ochs, Elmer Raymond, 1969-1976, undated
"O" miscellaneous, 1965
Palmer, Bruce, 1964-1972, undated
Porter, William J., 1969, undated
Pownall, Thomas G., 1969-1983
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Ramsey, Ralph and Nina, 1966-1971
Raulth, J. Donald, 1969-1970
Relations with
Politicians, 1964-1972
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Vietnamese, 1962-1972, undated
Rostow, Walt W., 1965-1971, undated
"R" miscellaneous, 1965-1969
Story, Edward C., 1967-1975
"S" miscellaneous, 1963-1971
Taylor, Maxwell D., 1965
Thanh, Nguyen Viet, 1970
Thieu, Nguyen Van, 1969-1970
Timmes, Charles J., 1964, undated
Torrence, James E., 1964-1972
"T" miscellaneous, 1965-1971
Weyand, Frederick C., 1967-1969
Whitehouse, Charles S., 1971-1972, undated
Wong, Alexander C., 1967-1972, undated
"W" miscellaneous, 1967-1971
York, Robert H., 1963-1967, undated
Yorty, Samuel, 1966-1972, undated
Zorthian, Barry, 1968-1970
Unidentified, 1965-1971, undated

**BOX 30-36**

**Family and Personal Papers, circa 1920-1983**

Correspondence, legal and financial papers, photographs, school and church papers, death and funeral records, and clippings arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

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Divorce from Mary Jane Allen Vann, 1971-1972
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  Ferrum Training School and Junior College, Ferrum, Va.
    Diplomas, 1941-1943
    Miscellany, 1970-1972
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Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.
  Army Comptroller's School, 1958-1969
  Miscellany, 1956-1960
  Photographs, undated
  Term papers, 1958-1959
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  Earnings, 1965-1972
  House mortgage, Littleton, Colo., 1968-1971
  Life insurance, 1965-1972
Miscellany, 1962-1972
Settlement of estate, 1972-1973, undated
Taxes, 1966-1971
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Medical records, 1968-1971, 1977
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Tripp family, circa 1920s-circa 1940s
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Wedding and clippings, 1945
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Youth in Norfolk, Va., circa 1930s-circa 1940s
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Vann, Aaron Frank, 1960-1964, undated
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Vann's service records, including personnel and efficiency reports, medical and military
police investigation records, photographs, promotion orders, security clearances, and
teaching records. Records from the Seventh Infantry Division, Army of the Republic
of Vietnam, include after-action reports, briefings, correspondence, clippings,
interviews, and photographs. Interspersed in the files are notes and material composed
by Sheehan, including correspondence.

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|           | Commissioned service record, 1945-1963 |
|           | Efficiency reports, 1948-1963 |
|           | Logistical Management Section, Management Branch, G4 Division, United States Army, Europe, 1957 |
|           | Medical record, 1946-1963 |
|           | Military police, criminal investigation department |
|           | Motorcycle theft, 1960 |
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|           | Training Center, Ft. Bliss, Tex., instructor in business administration, 1961-1962 |
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|           | Vietnam, senior advisor, Seventh Infantry Division |
|           | Ambush of Rangers, 1962 |
|           | Ap Bac battle |
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|           | Briefings |
|           | Joint Chiefs of Staff, cancelled, 1963 |
|           | Miscellaneous, undated |
|           | Correspondence, 1962-1963 |
|           | Dan Tien operations |
|           | After-action report, 1962 |
|           | Cao victory celebration in Saigon, 1962 |
|           | Miscellaneous clippings, 1962 |
|           | Efficiency reports, 1962-1963 |
|           | Farewell message, 1963 |
|           | Interview with Charles von Luttichau, 1963 |
|           | Miscellaneous clippings, 1962 |
|           | Personnel roster, 1962-1963 |
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|           | Reports, 1962-1963 |</p>
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Correspondence, personnel records, printed material, clippings, and records of security reviews during Vann's employment by the Martin Company, Denver, Colo., and correspondence and printed matter concerning his political activities and speaking engagements.  
Arranged alphabetically by subject. |
| BOX 40    | **Draft [Henry Cabot] Lodge for President Committee, Colorado coordinator, 1964**  
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Martin Co., Aerospace Division of Martin Marietta, Denver, Colo.  
COIN aircraft proposal, 1964  
Correspondence, 1962-1969  
Personnel record, 1963-1971  
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Notes, circa 1964  
Photographs, 1969, undated  
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Correspondence, memoranda, reports, briefings, photographs, position papers, policy statements, planning guides, printed material and clippings, training manuals, and other administrative records of Vann's work as a pacification officer for AID in South Vietnam, 1965-1972. Also includes Vann's diaries and notebooks, most of which are incomplete, award certificates, personnel records, and speech transcripts. Notes and correspondence by Sheehan are interfiled with Vann's papers.  
Arranged alphabetically by subject. |
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Budgets, 1965-1966  
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Clippings, 1965  
Correspondence and memoranda, 1965-1966  
Corruption complaints, 1965  
Diary, 1965  
Government, 1965  
Hop Tac Pacification Plan, 1965  
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- Vietcong actions, 1964-1965
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- United States Operations and Missions (USOM)
  - Administrative records, 1965
  - Travel records, 1965
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- Pacification Training Center, Vung Tau
  - Memoranda, 1966
  - Notebook-journal, 1966
  - Project plans and instructions, 1966
  - Sheehan notes on dispute, 1984, undated

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- Clippings, 1971
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- Post-death of John Paul Vann, 1973
- Powers of command, 1971
- Press conference transcript, loss of Tan Canh, Pleiku, 1972
- Press interview, National Broadcasting Corp., 1972
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- Memoranda, 1966-1969, undated
  - (2 folders)
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- Notebook leaves, undated
- Pacification reports, 1966-1969, undated
  - (2 folders)
- Policy statements, 1967-1969
- Sheehan notes, 1973-1982, undated
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   Correspondence, 1969-1971  
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   Benoit, Charles, position papers, 1969  
   (2 folders)  
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   Correspondence and memoranda, 1968-1970, undated  
   Press reports and clippings, 1970  
   Civilian casualties and destruction of property, 1964-1970  
   Corruption, ghost troops and misuse of government funds, 1970 |
   Defoliation, 1967  
   Disputes with the press, 1963-1972  
   English-language teaching, undated  
   Entertainment expenses, 1969-1972  
   "Harnessing the Revolution"  
   Analysis and recommendations, 1965-1967  
   Sheehan annotated copy, undated  
   Helicopter pilot training, 1971  
   Identification cards and papers, 1965-1971  
   "Information for Sub-sector Advisors," undated  
   Maps and miscellany, 1970, undated  
   Montagnards, 1971-1972  
   Negotiations and residual force, 1972, undated  
   Optimism  
   Documents, 1968-1971  
   Sheehan notes and correspondence, 1974-1976, undated  
   Orientation memoranda, undated |
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            "Pentagon Papers," Sheehan notes, undated  
            Printed matter  
            Health programs, 1963-1965  
            Miscellaneous, 1963-66, undated |
| BOX 50    | Ramsey, Douglas, 1966-69  
            Reports, 1965-1970, undated  
            Rubber industry, 1969-1971  
            Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on Vietnam, testimony, 1970  
            Trips to the United States  
            Administrative records, 1965-1972  
            Correspondence, 1966-1972  
            Itineraries and schedules, 1970-1972  
            United States Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., photocopies of  
            John Paul Vann papers, 1966-1972  
            (3 folders) |
| BOX 51    | North Vietnam offensives  
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            Correspondence, 1968  
            Notebook, 1968  
            Photographs, Ben Hoa, 1968  
            Sheehan notes, undated  
            1972 Easter  
            Correspondence and memoranda, 1972  
            Miscellaneous press reports, 1972  
            Newcomers' briefing transcript, 1972  
            Notebooks, 1972  
            Press conference transcripts, 1972  
            Sheehan notes and correspondence, 1978-1979, undated  
            Tan Canh evacuation, 1972-1973, undated  
            Personnel records  
            Employment  
            Appointment, 1964-1965  
            Miscellany, 1965-1972  
            Health insurance, 1965  
            Job description for senior advisor, undated  
            Performance evaluation reports, 1965-1971, undated  
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| BOX 52    | Photographs  
            Prints, 1965-1972, undated  
            (8 folders) |
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| BOX 55    | Speech transcripts  
            1965, Oct. 5, School of International Studies, University of Denver, Denver, Colo. |
1966, June 7, School of International Studies, University of Denver, Denver, Colo.
1967
Nov. 27, Naval Reserve Intelligence Unit, Denver, Colo.
Nov. 28, School of International Studies, University of Denver, Denver, Colo.
1969, Feb. 19, School of International Studies, University of Denver, Denver, Colo.
1971, Mar. 19, Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies, Monterey, Calif.
1972, Jan. 8, Vincent Davis home, Lexington, Ky.

BOX 55-57

**Subject File, 1964-1984**

Notes by Sheehan, clippings, photographs, and printed material concerning Vann. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

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1964 period, 1972, undated
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Ambition to become secretary of the army, undated
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Biographical data and character analysis, 1972-1975
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Boyhood and youth, 1972-1982, undated
Correspondence, undated
Crash and death
  General notes, 1972-1983, undated
  Photographs of site, 1972
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Ego, undated
Imperial mind-set, 1975-1976
Keepsakes, 1975, undated
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Leadership qualities, undated
Lie detectors, 1978-1983
Love of danger, 1976, undated
MacArthur, Douglas, admiration of, undated
Mannerisms, undated

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Nha Trang headquarters, 1972
Norfolk, Va., 1980, undated
Physical traits, resemblance to John Paul Spry, undated
Phoenix program, undated
Profiles
  Halberstam, David, *Esquire* article, 1964, undated
  Miscellaneous, 1963-1976
  *Soldier of Fortune Magazine*, 1980
Relationship with Daniel Ellsberg and others, 1972-1976
  (2 folders)
Sadism, undated
Self-promotion, undated
Sense of destiny, undated
Sense of humor, undated
Sex life, 1977-1984, undated
Southern culture, 1973-1976, undated
Speaking engagements, undated
Vanity, undated
Vietnamization, 1968-1976, undated
Watergate, 1973-1975, undated

BOX 58-83

Individuals, 1957-1991
Correspondence, notebooks, journals, position and strategy papers, briefings, after-action reports, general reports, book and article manuscripts and other writings, trial transcripts, interview notes, maps, photographs, press releases, administrative records, training guidelines, and printed material collected by Sheehan, together with his notes. Material concerns individuals involved in the Vietnam War and background to the conflict in world history.
Arranged alphabetically by name of individual and thereunder by subject or type of material.

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Abrams, Creighton, 1965-1976
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Alsop, Joseph
Clippings, 1971-1989
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Vann, John Paul, 1969-1972
Notes, 1971-1989, undated
Alsop, Susan Mary, 1975-1982
Anderson, Jack Warren, undated
Arnett, Peter, undated
"A" miscellaneous, 1975-1987
Ba, Ly Tong, 1973-1987, undated
Benoit, Charles
Correspondence and notes, 1968-1974
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(2 folders)
Bernard, Carl F., 1969-1985, undated

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Binh, Le Nguyen, 1973-1979
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Bradley, Francis X.
Notes, 1976, undated
Papers on army policy, 1956-1969
(6 folders)
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Bumgardner, Everet F., 1971-1982
Bunker, Ellsworth
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|           | Notes, 1966-1985, undated  
|           | "B" miscellaneous, 1973-1985  
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Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, Austin, Tex., 1965-1969


**BOX 221-232**  

An office file of background material, correspondence, financial records, notes, and carbon copies of dispatches from Sheehan's tenure as bureau chief in Saigon, South Vietnam. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material and chronologically thereunder.

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Notes, 1963-1964, undated

(4 folders)

Printed material, 1963, undated

Press releases and statements, 1963-1964, undated

Reports

1962

**BOX 222**

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   Interview notes and summaries of taped interviews, along with audiocassette tapes, and subject files for Vann family members and other designated persons.
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            | Vann, Mary Jane, 2-7 July 1972 (50 tapes)  
            | Vann, Peter, 6 Jan. 1973 (5 tapes)  
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| BOX X 7   | Oversize, 1962-1971  
            | Vann-Sheehan Vietnam War Collection material including photographs, award certificates, and maps,  
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*Bright Shining Lie*

**Photographs**
- Published reproductions, undated (Container 21)

**Research File**
- John Paul Vann
  - **Military Service**
    - Awards
      - 31 July 1963, certificate of appreciation, Department of the Army (Container 37)
      - 1 August 1963, certificate of retirement, Army of the United States of America (Container 37)
  - State Department, Agency for International Development, Vietnam
    - Vietnam
      - Awards
        - Christian Herter Award, American Foreign Service Association, 1969 (Container 46)
        - Vietnamese government, Dan-Vu Boi-Tinh, 1971 (Container 46)
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      - Dan Tien operations
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**Classified, 1960-1972**

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*Bright Shining Lie, 1963-1993, undated*

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  - Civilian casualties, undated (Container 23)

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