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**The papers of former Vice President Mondale**  
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**TOPIC: VIETNAM**

*Summary: The Vietnam War and the Johnson Administration's escalation of U.S. military involvement created a sharp divide in America, between the political parties, and within the Democratic Party. Mr. Mondale initially supported the administration for a number of complicated reasons including his connection to his mentor, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, and his initial conviction that it was necessary to fend off tyranny. But evidence mounted that the U.S. was caught in the middle of a civil war and that the war appeared to the Vietnamese as continuing a long tradition of colonial control. Mr. Mondale became increasingly disenchanted with the war as the reality became apparent and started to voice his concern by 1968. He would later describe the evolution of his thinking and growing awareness of the limits of western power in the context of a bitter civil war as one of the most compelling experiences of his public career.*

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