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I was very disappointed in the apparent content and result of your course. Maybe you present balanced views that were not reported, but one woman interviewee's impression that we were comparable to the Nazis led me to believe there is gross distortion in your course.

I hope your course objective includes being objective. As the enclosed article points out, the typical Vietnam veteran is not represented in the V.V.A. or the two latest 60 Minutes featured that still use Vietnam as an excuse. Did any of your

presenters say there was a reason  
for Vietnam, <sup>as</sup> as four Presidents  
concluded?

The broadcast, if not your class, is  
a disservice to the students and  
an affront to typical Vietnam vets  
and to those who died and their families.

If you are interested I would appreciate  
presenting what I think is a more typical  
veteran's view. I was in combat for  
eleven months in Vietnam and received  
two Bronze Stars for Valor.

Also, I would appreciate it if you could  
send me any contacts in the L.A.  
area who offer courses like yours.

Thank you for your attention. War is hell,  
and everyone knows it. And those who  
have been in combat have to be affected  
by it, but the vast majority of  
us are not misfit, peace-at-any-  
price advocates.

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