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Dear Mr. Farrell:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful response to the CBS "60 Minutes" segment on the class on the Vietnam War that I teach.

I understand what you are proposing. CBS was able to depict only a portion of what we do in the classroom, and we do probe the history of the period in detail.

Many thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

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To The Dean
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Dear Sir:

On Saturday evening my wife and I watched the segment of "60 Minutes" devoted to your 101 class on The Vietmanese conflict.

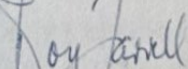
It was an impressive program, and we feel you and your school are to be commended for offering this course.

I do feel there is a portion of history being left untold and one which should be added to your course.

Enclosed is a short excerpt from a book I am writing for your consideration in adding to this splendid course you are offering.

Through the young people attending these classes, impetus might be started which could have a profound effect on future actions by our military decisions formulated in Washington.

Sincerely yours



Roy Farrell

Then gradually came the military action in Vietnam. As this operation grew, the United States population became divided and people throughout the United States became bitter about this war action.

I knew the Orient maybe better than my back yard in Vernon, Texas, and felt military action by us was necessary for the freedom of the peoples of Southeast Asia to continue.

I felt if we were unsuccessful in our war effort a blood bath and domino effect would follow, and such would become a reality.

The Jane Fondas were partially correct in their opposition to this military action, but for a different than that of, in my opinion, the correct one.

We did not lose the War in Southeast Asia. We lost the war in Washington, D. C. The military action could have been won in six weeks or so had the United States gone in to win the war.

With limited forces we could have crippled the North Vietnamese and Hanoi would have begged for a lasting peace free from involvement by the United States except for limited financial aid.

The colleges offering courses concerning the Vietnamese War, again in my opinion, are missing one of the main points. Never again should we enter into a conflict with a "No win policy".

While we were bombing sam pans and putting bed bugs out to detect heat from infiltrating North Vietnamese we should have been hitting Hanoi and Haiphong and their harbor facilities with the full military capabilities of our Air Force. This would have cut off their reception of military supplies, it would have crippled their two main cities and the war would have been over.

The only way we were able to withdraw our troops from Vietnam without more harassment from the North Vietnamese was because President Nixon, facing stiff foreign and domestic criticism, started hitting Hanoi, Haiphong and their harbor facilities and very quickly North Vietnam had more of our hurting power than they wanted and were willing to let us leave with a lost war, but with little harassment on our departing troops.

We departed Vietnam leaving behind thousands of South Vietnamese loyal to the United States; we left millions more to be executed or starved by the then freed offensive of the Communists and their puppet governments, and also we left behind the largest supply of arms and ammunition in the world to fall into the hands of our world enemies.

The Jane Fondas were correct, but had they directed their efforts toward the United States Government using its military might; our casualties would not have been over 58,000 killed. Casualties probably could have been counted only in the hundreds.