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23180 proesenfeld sundayer one anatomyve revolution saigon
dash eye year ago next week vietnam witnessed birthve military
revolutionary government etdeathve ngodinhdiem regime stoppara
tanks paratroopers marines exploded on steetsve saigon
dash eye phenomena that was to become eye pasttime in months
to come stoppara

deathve diem inc ended eye dictatorship dash perhaps
more accurately eye demidictatorship stop and it ended eye
decade stoppara

diem toppled in oneve most controversial coup detatsve
all time with worldwide repercussions stop for vietnam viewed
as eye ladderve many conflicts stöp on highest round is
freeworld versus communist semicolon specially unistates
versus novietnam etchina stop in miniature within vietnam tis
americanbacked saigon government versus communistled national
liberation front semicolon in warweary delta this american
gglii etvietnamese trooper versus vietcong guerrilla moredeepe.

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23181 prorosensfeld sundayer two weaknesseve diem wasnot that he failed in anything in particular but halvesucceeded in everything dash but norptnot government since him has halftried stop programs he implemented dash poorly undash since been only halfimplemented or forgotten stop his obsession was his country would be divided by communists in northern provinces dash now that obsession aye semireality stop his approach was to quote beat the communists by being better communists tactically unquote unquotestop he failed stop but norptnot government since had total policyve beating communists atall stoppara

first alternative to diem was aye committee governmentve military junta stop expectation was talented military officers would quote win supportve people unquote while vigorously prosecuting war stop but vietcong incidents reached alltime high stop important strategic hamlet program crashed bringing down with it the statistical illusion that the war was being won stoppara

predictions were first junta would last ninety days stop lasted eightynine stoppara morodeepe

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23183 prorosensfeld sundayer three second alternative diem was
another strongman stop when general nguyen khanh become premier
january thirty washington attempted give him magical prestige
stop mcnamara came one month semicolon rusk next stop midaugust
khanh legalised his strongman position with infamous constitution
stop had succeeded if students been studying ethuddhist priests
praying their pagodas stop but they werenot rptnot stop etsomewhere
quote invisible hands unquote communist subversives appeared stop
after bloody demonstrations etreligious rioting khanh vowed
downstop october twentyseven stop during past two months khanh
policy simply oneve survival semicolon unistates policy simple
quote back every status quo in night comaunquote according
western diplomat moredeepe

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23184 prorsenfeld sundayer four oneyear following diem
death vietnam travelled fullcircle ettortured oneyearve time
stop newlyannounced provisional constitution provides single
strongman like khanh and diems dash but that strongman can
be neither diem nor khanh etprobably notrptnot strongman
atall stoppara

crucial deterioration within past year is that this
idahosised republic fragmented politically from two vietnams
into three vietnams stoppara

under diem there were two political and military
vietnams dash his and communists. stoppara since diem two
military vietnams but three political vietnams dash theres
aye state within aye state within a state dash aye government
within aye government within aye government stop third
political government is buddhists movement that sparked
diem coup against diem etthe demicoup against khanh stoppara
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23185 prorsenfeld sundayer five through past three years military war escalated internally as both communists etsaigon increased their dominations over quote contested areas unquote stop military war polarised semicolon countryside increasingly become either black or white stop military stalemate was predicted stoppara

politically however a giant grey mass emerged between black political stateve communists etwhite political stateve prowestern camp stop this grey mass revolves predominantly a round buddhists stoppara

tis considered now buddhist movement is political movement surviving only by being aye movementve protest stop steady declaring war on communists however buddhists have said their immediate enemies are catholics comma americans etsaigon government stop by being as oppositionist to anticommunist forces comma buddhist policies in effect are aiding communists stoppara

saigon government therefore consider buddhists as quote second enemy stopunquote etduring past year saigon made substantial concessions to them stop hence saigon government making concession to quote second enemy unquote on the political battlefield while fighting its communist first enemy on military front stop by making concessions to buddhists dash who are neither ally nor neutral undash saigon government has relinquished its jurisdiction to buddhists stop its state grown smaller while buddhist state has grown moredeeps.

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23190 prorosenfeld sundayer six increasing political dominance
buddhists dash of which many leaders now considered procommunist
undash has exploded eye popular myth about anticommunist war
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myth is that americanbacked governments dash from
diem to khanh undash notrptnot solved problemsve guerrilla
warfare stop fact is notrptnot solved problemsve countering
communist ideology etsubversion stop anticommunist war here
is notrptnot fight against guerrillas stop it never was though
american policymakers thought so for years stop once upon
eye time it may have been half the war stop but two months
ago it became less than falf the war as students buddhists
workers comma presumably influenced by communists comma
continually undermined khanh government stop until past two
months ago american policymakers hadnot drawn distinction
between military guerrilla et the political revolutionary or
subversive stop now armerican officials believe communists
tactics shifted from military to political stop but longtime
observers believe political subversion consistently been
predominant cmathough invisible stop the real change appea rs
to be that political subversion shifted from rural areas to
the urban areas in central vietnam etsaigon moredeeper.

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23191 prorsenfeld sundayer seven quote weve always paid
lipservice to fact this is political wells military war
cmaquote one american official explained stopquote but we
never have done anything about it stop even now we are adding
fivethousand more men but theyre helicopter pilots etnotrpnnot
intelligence officers stop we still have notrptnot corrected
mistakeve underestimating the political problems stopunquote

the new saigon government that will be born next
week faces almost seven yearsve unchecked communist political
subversion plus increased military strength stoppara

the fundamental misjudgementve american policy
appears to have been fighting the guerrillas while forgetting
the subversive stop it may well be too late to reverse it in
vietnam stop the challenge is to correct it in the vietnam
of the tomorrows dash in south american etafrice etafrica
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tomorrow colon the warve shadows ettermites
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