

THE DE-ESCALATION OF THE ^{WAR} (in the Viet Nam sense) MEANS LESS ACTIVE PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR. THE REMOVAL OF COMBAT (AND COMBAT TRAINED) FORCES AND THE SWITCHING TO MORE EXTENSIVE USE OF AIR POWER LESSENS THIS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT. THE PILOT OF A BOMBER OR FIGHTER-BOMBER HAS NO CONCRETE IDEA OF WHAT TYPE OF DESTRUCTION HE CAUSES OR OF WHAT PERSONAL INJURY HE INFLECTS.

TECHNICAL ADVANCES IN ELECTRONICS HAVE ALLOWED THE BOMBERS TO BECOME DEADLY ACCURATE WITH THEIR WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION. MANY SIMILAR ADVANCES HAVE ALSO SEPARATED THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE BATTLE EVEN FURTHER. THIS SEPARATION IS OBVIOUS FROM THE HORRIBLY TRUTHFUL BOASTING OF THE MANUFACTURERS OF THE AIRPLANE GUIDANCE CONTROL SYSTEMS. THE MOST ACCURATE (LASER GUIDED SYSTEMS) ARE GUARANTEED TO STRIKE WITHIN SIX INCHES OF ITS TARGET INSIDE A CAVE WHEN RELEASED FROM AN ALTITUDE OF FOUR MILES OR LESS.

ELECTRONIC SENSING DEVICES (CAMOUFLAGED USUALLY) ARE DROPPED BY THE THOUSANDS OVER LANDS DEEMED TACTICALLY STRATEGIC BY THE MILITARY (THESE AREAS MAY INCLUDE: HEAVILY TRAVELED PATHS, TRAILS AND ROADS {civilian and military travel}, AREAS AROUND BRIDGE CROSSINGS, FORESTED AREAS AROUND CULTIVATED FIELDS, GRAVEYARDS, DESERTED {and non-deserted} VILLAGES etc.) THESE SENSORS TRANSMIT THE TRAFFIC OF THE AREA TO THE CONTROL CENTER. WHEN THIS TRAFFIC BECOMES TOO CONCENTRATED, UNUSUAL OR THREATENING (WHICH IS OFTEN A COMPUTER DECISION), A MESSAGE IS RELAYED TO BOMBER FLIGHT CONTROLLER WITH THE MAP COORDINATES OF THAT AREA. THE BOMBERS DISPATCHED TO THE AREA ARE GUIDED BY COMPUTERIZED TELEMETRIC LINKS TO THE TARGET (THE SIGNALS SENT BY THE SENSOR); AND THEY DROP THEIR BOMB LOAD BY CONTROL SIGNAL OR MERELY AT THE PRE-DETERMINED SPOT. THE ELECTRONIC SENSOR HAS NOT

IDENTIFIED THE TARGET AS FRIEND OR FOE, MILITARY OR CIVILIAN, ARMED OR UNARMED, MEN OR CHILDREN, OR EVEN ANIMAL OR VEHICLE; THE PILOTS DO NOT USUALLY DETECT THEIR TARGETS; AND THE CONTROL PERSONNEL MAY NEVER PARTICIPATE IN ACTUAL COMBAT. THE SENSOR HAS VIRTUALLY REPLACED THE FORWARD OBSERVER AND THE OBSERVATION PLANES.

TO FURTHER EXTEND THE SEPARATION IDEA, ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES ARE ALSO DROPPED BY THE THOUSANDS THEREBY SATURATING TACTICALLY STRATEGIC AREAS. THESE MINES DO NOT DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN MAN AND CHILD EITHER. MOST ARE NOT POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DAMAGE EVEN THE TIRE OF A VEHICLE; BUT THEY CAN RIP AND TEAR FLESH AND THEY DO MAIM AND KILL PEOPLE. THESE WEAPONS ARE ALSO NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE PILOTS OF AIRCRAFT WHO DROP THEM; AND THE MINES THEMSELVES ARE OFTEN DISGUISED SO AS NOT TO BE EASILY RECOGNIZED (THEY MAY APPEAR AS ANIMAL DROPPINGS, BRIGHTLY COLORED LEAVES, OR BE PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY SUBMERGED).

WE MUST CONTEND THAT THE SEPARATION OF THE SOLDIER FROM THE DEATH OF THE INDOCHINESE DOES NOT MAKE THE INDOCHINESE ANY LESS DEAD.

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City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council April 24 1972

		YEA	NAY	ABSENT	
	Mr. Clinton			✓	
	Mr. Danehy		✓		
	Mr. Duehay	✓			
	Mrs. Graham	✓			
	Mr. Moncreiff	✓			
	Mr. Owens	✓			
	Mr. Sullivan			✓	
	Mr. Vellucci	✓			
	Mayor Ackermann	✓			
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In City Council
April 24, 1972

Whereas during the Presidential campaign of 1968
Richard Nixon pledged to end American involvement in the
Vietnam war,

Whereas in the last few weeks American committment in
this area has been intensified: air, naval and even ground
forces have been mobilized and rushed to Indochina in a dramatic
reversal of earlier promises,

We, the members of the Cambridge City Council demand
that the Executive Branch of the Federal Government

1. Release full information to the American public
concerning the depth of our involvement in Indochina so that
the American people may judge for themselves the extent to which
the war is being wound down. (This would include the daily
release of both the number of planes and the tonnage involved in
our bombing missions-information which is readily available
to the Vietnamese.)

2. Stop attempting to lull the American people into
indifference through the present policy of substituting
electronic sensors, relay systems and airplanes for American
ground troops.

3. Complete the withdrawal of all American military force
from Indochina.

In City Council April 24, 1972
Adopted by yea and nay Vote
Yeas 6 Nays 1 Absent 2

Paul E. Healey
City Clerk

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Whereas in the last few weeks American commitment in this area has been intensified: air, naval and even ground forces have been mobilized and rushed to Indochina in a dramatic reversal of earlier promises,

We, the undersigned citizens of Cambridge request that the Cambridge City Council demand that the Executive Branch of the Federal Government

1. Cease withholding information from the American public concerning the depth of our involvement in Indochina so that the American people may judge for themselves the extent to which the war is being wound down. (This would include the release on a daily basis of the number of planes and the tonnage involved in the bombing missions- information which is readily accessible to our military enemy.)

2. Stop attempting to lull the American people into indifference through the present policy of substituting electronic sensors, relay systems and airplanes for American ground troops.

3. ^{Complete} ~~Begin~~ the withdrawal of all American military force from Indochina.

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OFFICE OF
THE CITY CLERK

April 24, 1972.

To the Honorable, the City Council,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:-

I am transmitting herewith a resolution from Joseph Schirmer et als for consideration by the City Council regarding the withdrawal of all American forces from Indochina and the release of complete information on American involvement in the Indochina theatre.

Truly yours,

Paul E. Healy
City Clerk.

Communication from the City Clerk transmitting resolution from Joseph Schirmer et als for consideration by the City Council regarding the withdrawal of all American forces from Indochina and the release of complete information on American involvement in the Indochina theatre.

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