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Unique digitized primary source material related to the Korean and Vietnam wars
News and analysis from around the world offers insight into major 20th-century events
A wealth of applications for students and scholars in numerous academic disciplines

Overview

The Korean and Vietnam wars were two of the defining events of the 20th century. While the origins of both conflicts are rooted in their countries’ respective histories, much of the world regarded the wars as proxies for the larger Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union. To understand the Korean and Vietnam wars and their influence on 20th-century geopolitics, researchers need original sources covering Cold War politics, East-West relations, colonial history and more—all of which are found in American Proxy Wars: Korea and Vietnam.

International analysis of American conflicts
For decades, media from around the world—including television and radio broadcasts, periodicals, newspapers, and government documents—were monitored, collected, and translated into English by a U.S. government organization that became part of the CIA. Now, for the first time, a collection of these primary source documents related to every aspect of the Korean and Vietnam wars are available in a fully searchable digitized collection. The mix of government-level analysis, eyewitness accounts, and international reporting challenge and complement American media reports from the time, offering a uniquely global perspective on two of the 20th century’s most crucial turning points.

Insight into major 20th-century events
The global response to the Korean and Vietnam wars played an integral role in other major events of the 20th century and today, from conflicts in the Middle East to the spread of communism to U.S. military interventions around the world. In addition to tracing the roots of these and other relevant research topics, the documents in American Proxy Wars: Korea and Vietnam offer new insight into pivotal moments of the wars themselves, allowing researchers to trace the full scope of the conflicts and their lingering impacts.

An essential research tool for a range of disciplines
Students and scholars researching 20th-century history, international relations, political science, American studies, global and regional studies, conflict and peace, and more will find unique information to advance their work in American Proxy Wars: Korea and Vietnam. The interface enables users to target their searches or easily browse the collection through a broad range of topics, unlocking a wealth of research opportunities.

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