

these volumes of material, I think, would be very helpful, because I perceive we are continuing to make some of the same mistakes with regard to the matter of, not the civilian control of the military, but the civilian domination of tactics and execution of it as far as aspects of conflict are concerned.

It looks like we did that in the Korean conflict, the Bay of Pigs, probably the missile crisis period, throughout Vietnam, and apparently in the Iranian Desert as well. We don't seem to have changed this. It may be that by bringing the horror stories to light to the general public it will be corrected.

In my thinking of this, with my background in surgery, I fully agree that the patient has the full right over his own body as to whether or not he is No. 1, going to see a physician, and, No. 2, will take the physician's advice. But once the decision is made that the patient is going to have the operation, it is at that point you turn it over to the professionals to carry out the assignment.

You do not have members of the patient's family in the operating room saying, "Don't cut in that quadrant, we want you to cut in this quadrant." No surgeon would undertake any surgical assignment with those types of restraints, with friends and neighbors looking in who don't have any background or expertise telling you how to carry out a professional assignment.

And it looks like that is the repetitive defect we have had since World War II.

Admiral MOORER. I think your comparison is a very good one. I made the point that the military people should be told what to do, but not how to do it. And that was not the case, unfortunately, during Vietnam. It was not the case in the Bay of Pigs, as you point out, and it was not the case—I don't think, I don't know too much about the attempted rescue, except that that had certain characteristics which I personally would have opposed.

But you are quite right. We had that imposed in the greatest detail during the Vietnam war.

Mr. McDONALD. The reason why I particularly would like to bring this home is I am in a Reserve military unit. You will be happy to hear, I suppose, it is the Navy, Admiral.

The Reserve unit meets on Wednesday evenings. At the last Wednesday evening meeting the basic presentation was the fact that the military does have control over the execution of the conflicts and did in Vietnam, contrary to general opinion and contrary to propaganda. I think the general view of the Reserve unit was that that certainly flew in the face of everything we had been told, everything we knew, and I brought up the point of the number of bombs on missions, and so forth and so on, as an example of the nonprofessional or civilian control over the conflict of the war, itself, and the enormous restraints, the rules of engagement.

I know Senator Goldwater placed it in the Congressional Record. Admittedly it was a minute presentation or a condensation of the rules of engagement which were something like two volumes, about that thick. He placed a condensation in the record pointing out the enormous restraints by the nonprofessional over those who had to carry out the plan, and with the predictable result.

Admiral MOORER. There is no question about that. For instance, the Chinese trawlers were carrying all kinds of supplies to the