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Dear Fellow Catholic Friend:

I just finished a new book from Ignatius Press-- The Lost Mandate of Heaven.\* It is a heartbreaking story. Ngo Dinh Diem was President of Vietnam before the US entered the Vietnam War. Mr. Diem was a daily Mass attendee and devoted Catholic. He was assisted by his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu. Another brother was the Catholic bishop of South Vietnam.

The lies about Diem were and still are everywhere. Even now, the Wikipedia entry on him is full of lies. The constant barrage of lies about Vietnam and Diem by American journalists, especially by the New York Times, had a major impact in Washington DC in 1963. So much that Asst Sec'y of State Roger Hilsman wrote in August that "under no circumstances should the Ngo's be permitted to remain in Southeast Asia in close proximity to Vietnam because of the plots they will mount to try to regain power":

"We should encourage the coup group to fight the battle to the end and destroy the palace if necessary to gain victory. Unconditional surrender should be the terms for the Ngô family since it will otherwise seek to outmaneuver both the coups' forces and the US. If the family is taken alive, the Ngos should be banished to France or any other country willing to receive them. Diệm should be treated as the generals wish."

In the summer of 1963, with the people facing murderous attacks by communist insurgents, Diem created a program to move farmers closer together in hamlets and villages and to use police rather than soldiers to help them resist the communist insurgents. The program was actually working and South Vietnam was gaining back its countryside when John F. Kennedy signed the order for the CIA to recruit one of Diem's Generals, Dương Văn Minh, to take him out.

In November, 1963, General Dương Văn Minh used a U.S. M-113 armored personnel carrier and four jeeps to capture Diệm and Nhu. On the way, the general's men cut out the brothers' gall bladders to dishonor them and then shot them to death. The US removed the one stabilizing influence in Saigon and the successor general was deposed only 3 months later. Within a year, the US entered the war, falsely claiming two US ships in the Gulf of Tonkin were attacked in international waters. The result was a 10 year quagmire.

Many in the media in 1963, as they do today, did everything they could to discredit these good men and their work, while bad Catholics and cowardly politicians failed to resist the evil. Despite that the US Ambassador to South Vietnam praised and defended Diem, and corrected the lies in the press, Kennedy was so afraid of the accusation of favoring a fellow Catholic that he betrayed virtuous men and ordered the destruction of the government of a sovereign nation.

Are you the kind of Catholic who believes what you read in the Courier, the NY Times or on the nightly news? Or are you the kind of Catholic who digs deeper, willingly faces opponents, and searches earnestly for

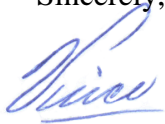
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the truth? If you are this latter kind of Catholic, then God bless you. We've gotten better at it, too. Where money is the focus, the media has become just a way to sell ads. And where the money comes from government and social engineering foundations, the media is hell-bent on destroying Christianity and every other proponent of morality.

The solution is not to hunker down. The solution is to fight back. Do your homework! Get the back story; the real story; the whole story! Support Catholic radio and other Catholic media. Check a variety of sources before spreading fake news. Work with Holy Family Radio so we can bring the Gospel truth to the public forum! Evil flourishes when good men do nothing!

Sincerely,

  
for Holy Family Radio

\*Check [WLCR.org](http://WLCR.org) for our upcoming interview of this author.