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Subject: Re: AP Story on Vietnam Document Release This Morning

Eileen and Tom, Good story from AP. One additional note, After these Spring meetings, there were demonstrations in VN by Buddhists which were destabilizing the Diemregime. There was a great d eal of concern over these demonstrations and Diem'sinability to cope with them. Buddhist demonstration were instrumental in con-vincing the US that it should encourage a coup. Certainly these documents show the unrealistic views of the American military. They didn't have a clue as to what was really going on in VN. They also show (along with other documents that have been released in the past) that JFKwanted out, but so did

Johnson and Nixon. Wanting out and getting out are twodifferent things. Anna

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