

“Reminiscences of the first U.S. Neurologist in Vietnam (1965-66) and his 2005 private meeting with Senior General Vo Nguyen Giap in Hanoi”

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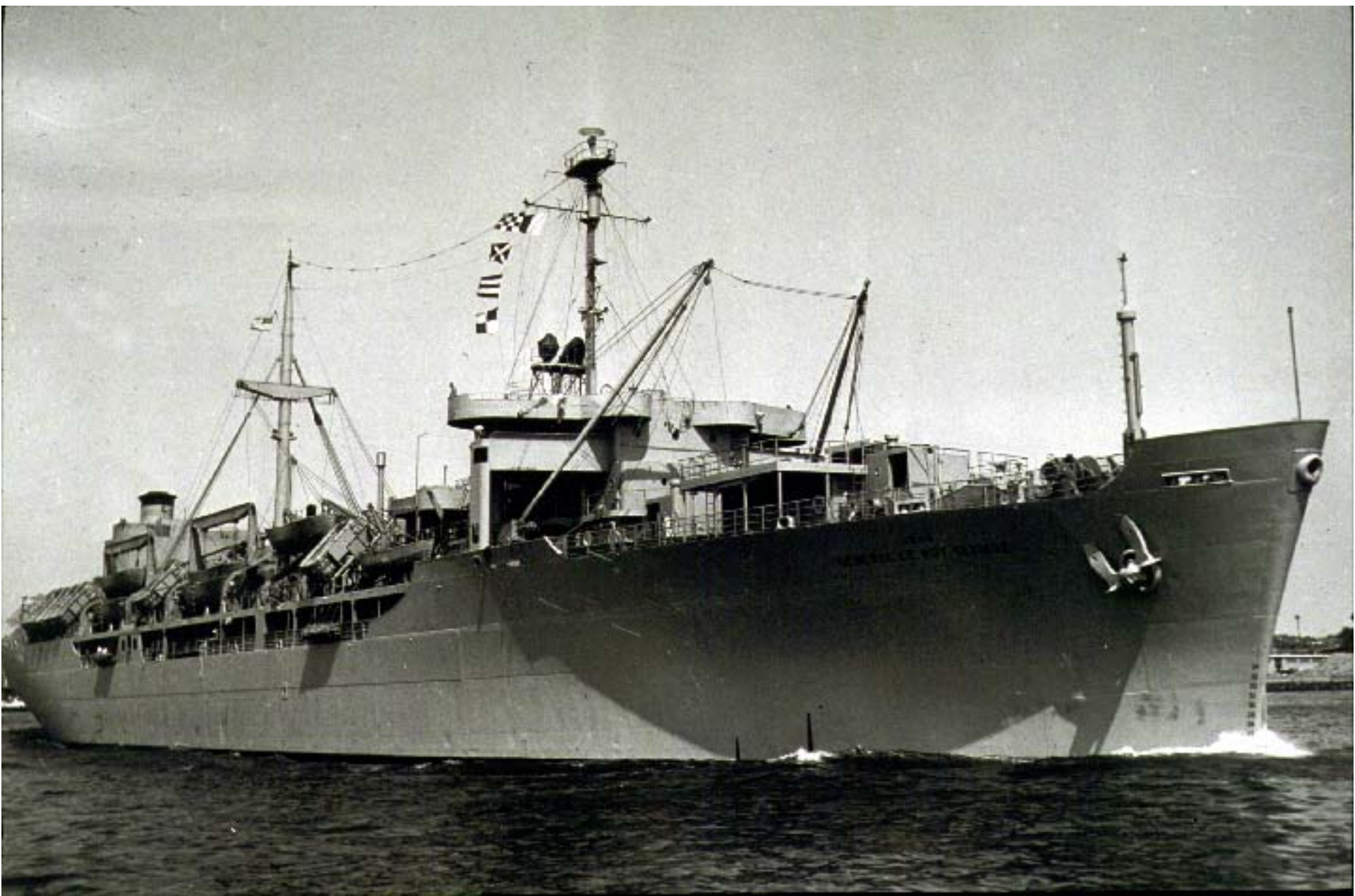
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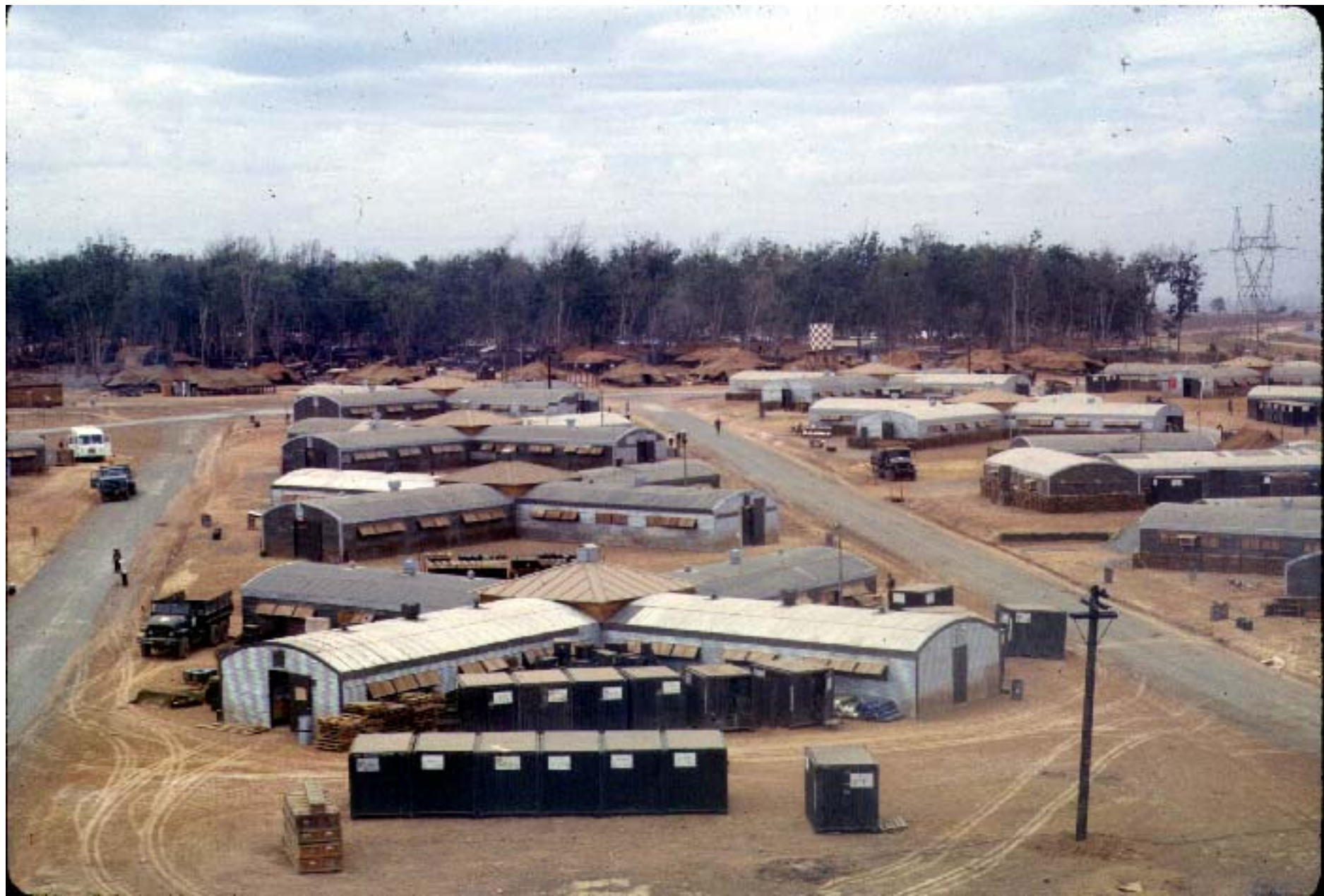
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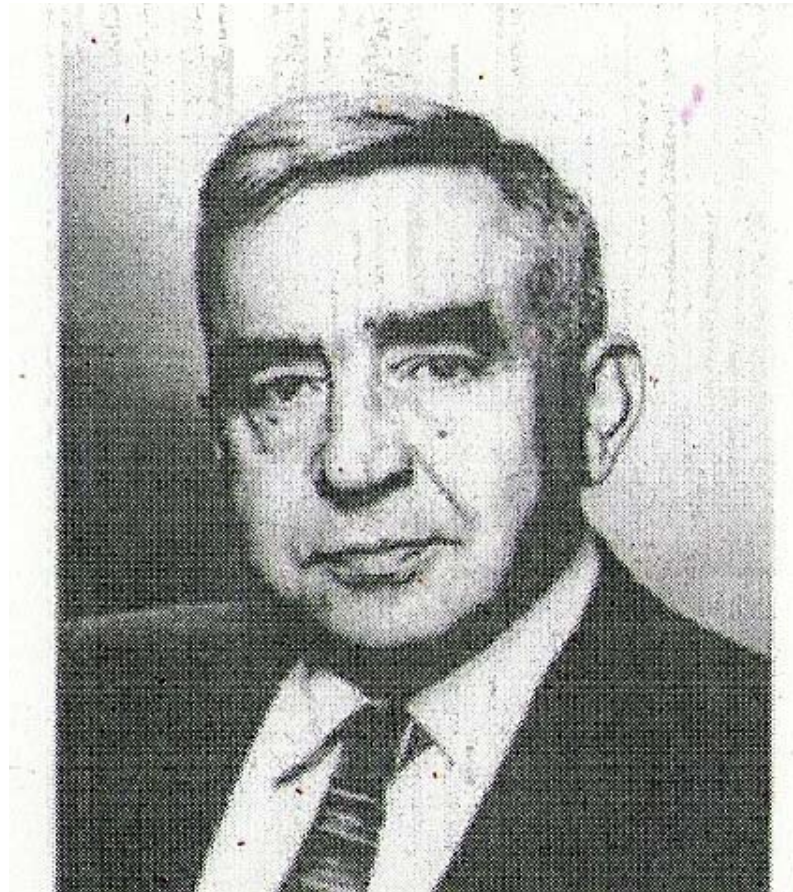






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“They read my study.”



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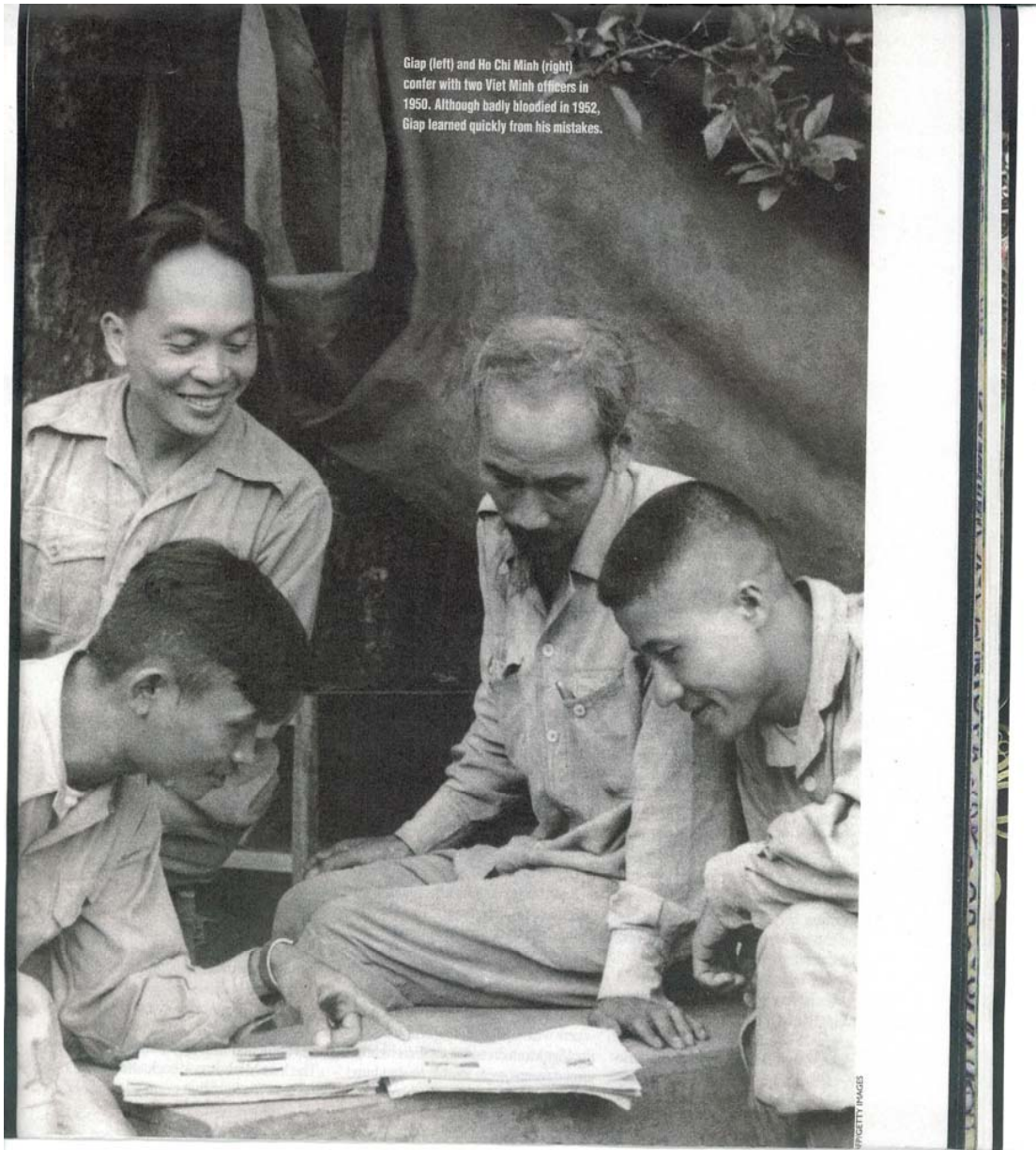
2004 Dr. Daniel Truong

93rd Evac Hosp. area is a large industrial park

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2005 General Giap (95yo)

Giap (left) and Ho Chi Minh (right) confer with two Viet Minh officers in 1950. Although badly bloodied in 1952, Giap learned quickly from his mistakes.

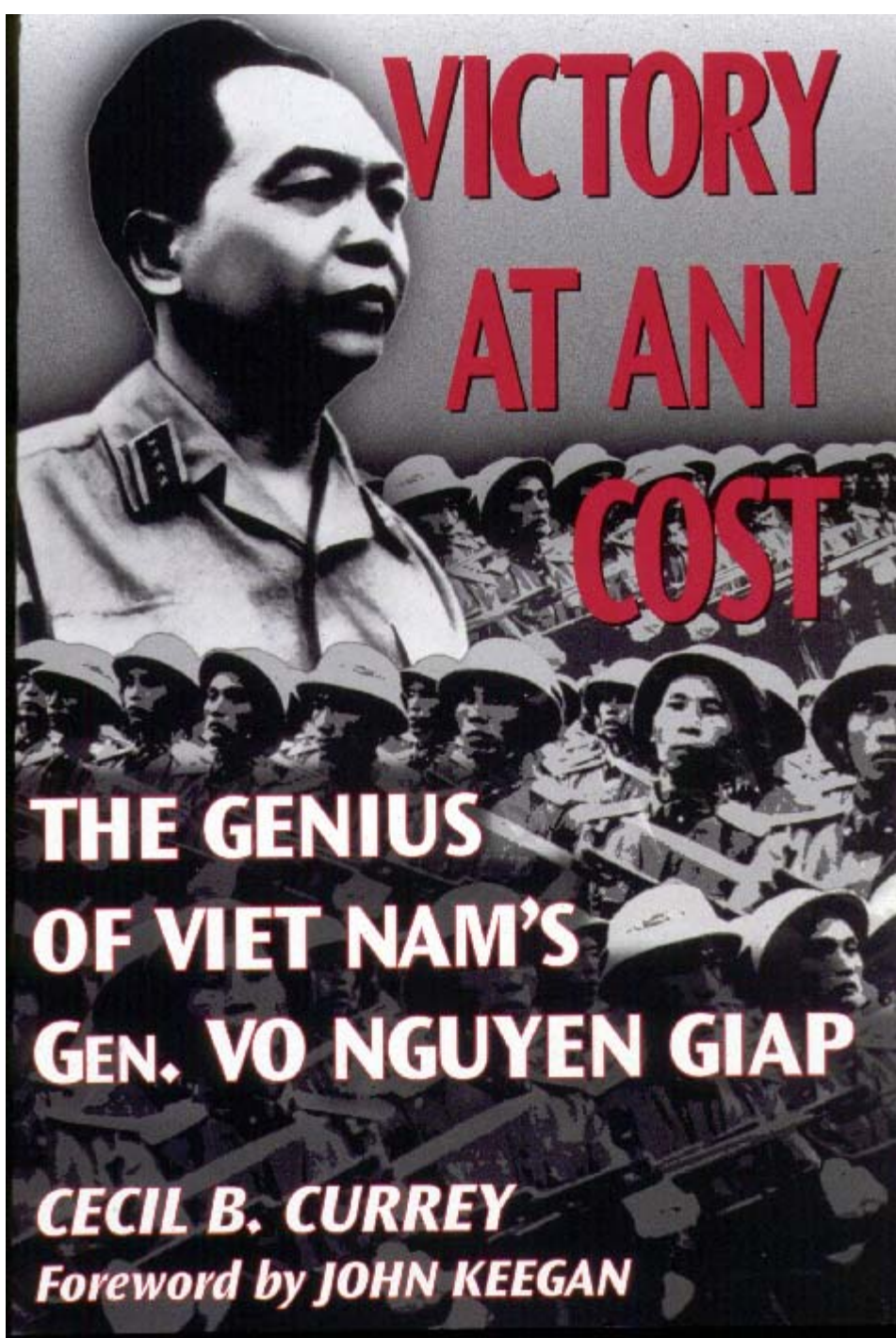


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Hanoi 12/30/05

1. Daniel (in Vietnamese): “Great scientist, etc.”
2. Giap: “I believe that by meeting you Dr. Daroff, my brain is getting bigger.”
3. Daroff: “I believe you were the greatest General [I then paused and decided not to say ‘who ever lived’, and came up with the arbitrary]...in the last 300 years.”
4. General (with a smile): “I disagree.”
5. Daroff: Well, perhaps with the exception of Napoleon.”
6. General: “I was not inferior to Napoleon.”
7. Daroff: “I agree. Napoleon lost to Wellington at Waterloo, and you never lost a defining battle.”



General Giap Book

Didn't like title

“Thank you for the gift of the book.”

VICTORY AT ANY COST

Thân tặng
ngài Daroff

Chúc ngài khỏe mạnh,
đưa công-tuổi ngày càng
thêm nhiều đến tận ngày
càng cao.

Và hết sức giúp đỡ Việt-
nam, góp phần tăng tiến
lưu lạc giữa nhân dân
Việt nam, và nhân dân Mỹ

Việt-nam, ngày 30/11/2005



Đại tướng Võ Văn Kiệt - Giáp

Friendly gift

To the Honorable Daroff

I wish the Honorable good health,
and to bring the scientific achievement in Neurology
to a higher peak than it currently exists.

And try, with all your efforts, to help Viet-
nam, and contribute to the friendship of the people of
Viet-nam, and the people of the United States.

Viet-nam, 30 November 2005

[signature]

Senior General of the Army, Vo Nguyen Giap



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