

I was very moved by Episode 3. The lies of our government led us into this folly. They knew they could not win but sacrificed us anyway. It was heartbreaking to see what went on before I got there in March of 1966.

I take issue with the idea that the USS Maddox was in international waters. The Vietnamese claimed a 12 nautical mile limit from their coast which was the same as their allies the Chinese and Russians and is consistent with what it was under the French. The US refused to recognize it.

According to North Vietnamese general Phùng Thế Tài, the USS Maddox attacked fishing boats on August 2nd, requiring them to respond.

So we have 2 conflicting accounts and as you have seen so far, truth and veracity are not part of the US game.

I also think that it is important to recognize those 2 patriotic US Senators who had the courage to vote against the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution. They were Senators Wayne Morse (D-OR) and Ernest Gruening (D-AK).