

## COLLECTION DETAILS and FOLDER TITLE LIST

**Collection: Papers of Don Oberdorfer, ca. 1968 - ca. 1980 [NAID 55288855]**

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### PERSONAL PAPERS OF DON OBERDORFER

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**Creator:** Oberdorfer, Don, 1931-

#### **Biographical sketch:**

Donald Oberdorfer was a journalist with the Charlotte Observer, Saturday Evening Post, Knight Newspaper Bureau, and the Washington Post. His book credits include *"Tet!: The Turning Point in the Vietnam War"*, 1971; and *"The Turn: From the Cold War to a New Era"*, 1991. After leaving the Washington Post in 1993, he served as a journalist-in-residence at Johns Hopkins University's Nitze School of Advanced International Studies.

#### **Scope and content note:**

This collection consists of materials collected by Don Oberdorfer during his research for his book, *"Tet!: The Turning Point in the Vietnam War"*. The series includes drafts of Oberdorfer's manuscript, interview transcripts, research notes, photographs, maps, chronologies, clippings, and other published material. The material reflects the subject of the book, the Vietnam War, as well as more specific information on Khe Sanh, the Tet Offensive, Ho Chi Minh, General William Westmoreland, and President Lyndon B. Johnson. Some of the published material is written in Vietnamese

- Date range of collection: ca. 1968 - ca. 1980
- 6 linear feet, 3 linear inches
- Not available for research
- 1 series

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1	Forward Acknowledgements
1	America on the Eve
1	Washington—Embassy
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2	Political Moves—South Vietnam, including Ba Tra
2	Chinh Affair
2	Decision in North
2	Enemy on the Eve—Tactical
2	North Vietnam Strategy
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2	Ho Speech—Replay, Announce in North
2	F. N. WPNS—Russia, Logistical China
3	Hanoi at Tet, VC and including Tet truce
3	Diplo—67-68
3	DAC [Col. Tran Van]
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3	Bombing Controversy, August 1967
4	67 Opinion Shift in Nation
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5	LBJ Policy Review—Wise Men, Fall 1967
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5	Tets—Past and Present
5	Attack—Order of Battle
6	Truce Cancellation 1-30
6	Tet Attack—Out of Country
6	US Countermoves on eve warning—III & Saigon
6	Saigon – Political/Uprising
6	General Weyand—Long Binh and Bien Hoa
6	Tan Son Nhut—[ go Vap]—JGS etc.
6	NhaTrang
6	Chapter V
6	Press-Saigon City from Feb.
6	Vietnamese People
6	VC 2nd Wave 2/19
6	ARVN and Pacification Countryside
6	LBJ
7	US Government reaction including PR
7	GVN Govt.—operation recovery politics
7	Strait Intell/Intell Failure?
7	Westy
7	Saigon Assessments
7	Public Opinion Polls
7	Chapter VI

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7	Hue Press
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7	Hue—Reconstruction
7	Hue—Occupation—Pol
8	Hue—Americans
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8	Hue—General Background
8	Hue—Credibility
8	Chapter VII
8	Troops total issue
8	NBC—McGee
8	VC/NVA React, Assess adjustments
8	NVA/VC React, Assess Extra
8	Polls
9	Chapter VIII
9	31 March Finale
9	Turnaround
9	Hanoi—Late March
9	Clifford
9	Communists and US Public Opinion
9	Wise Men
9	General Wheeler
10	LBJ
10	Serial {Politics}
10	Bomb Halt
10	Wall Street Journal
10	Nuclear
10	Vietnam Situation/real and imagined
10	US—Enemy Casualties
10	Afterthoughts
10	Epilogue
10	Epilogue—Extra
10	New Hampshire
11	[News articles by Oberdorfer: The War that Didn't Change the World/10 Years after Tet]
11	Loan [the street execution done by Brig.Gen Nguyen Loan]
11	Cronkite
11	Khe Sanh
11	Photos
12	Chronology
12	Translate [documents in Vietnamese]
12	Reference
12	Maps
12	Reflections
12	Interviews and copies
12	Interviews and copies (3)
12	Interviews 4 [Cost estimates for equipment of men who attacked Independence Palace]
12	Interviews 5
12	TV copies
12	Interviews and copies (2)
13	Westmoreland —pending and miscellaneous {restricted documents & interviews}
14	Printed Material: The Viet-Cong Tet Offensive: 1968
14	Printed Material: Congressional Record: 1/30/68
14	Printed Material: Communist Carnage in Hue: 1968
14	Printed Material: MACOI 1967 Wrap-Up: A Year of Progress
14	Printed Material: Vietnam Courier [numerous copies]
14	Printed Material: Viet-Nam: Documents and Research Notes [US Mission in VietNam]
14	Printed Material: 1968 Summary [Hq.USMACV]



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15	Printed Material: Seven Firefights in Vietnam: Office of Chief of Military History, US Army
15	Printed Material: A House in Hue by Omar Eby
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15	Vietnamese Studies
15	[Numerous publications in the Vietnamese language]