

**Professor Robert F. Turner** began his study of the Vietnam War in 1965, when he began a 450-page undergraduate honors thesis on the conflict. As research director of the National Student Committee for Victory in Vietnam, he took part in more than 100 conferences, teach-ins, debates, and other programs before entering the Army and serving back-to-back tours in Vietnam on detail from MACV to the American Embassy as Assistant Special Projects Officer in the North Vietnam/Viet Cong Affairs Division of JUSPAO. He also spent time in Vietnam as a journalist and later as a staff member with the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. He came out during the final evacuation at the end of April 1975.

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