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In South East Asia, here in Vietnam,
What kind of war no one can say.
Some say insurgent, some psychologic,
Please don't take my counterpart away

Down in the Delta, we have the VC,
Who come here from north of Hue.
Some say guerrilla, some next-door neighbor
Please don't take my counterpart away

The other night, dear, out in the hamlet.
I dreamed I held you in my arms.
When I awoke, dear, it was the VC,
So I shot him down and I cried.

The high triumvirate includes Westmoreland
With Throckmorton and Dick Stilwell.
They'll have the VC backed into China,
Just don't take their counterparts away.

From The Longest Year, Bowen and Fish