In February 1999 I was awarded a Faculty Research Grant to do work for my forthcoming book on Edward Lansdale, one of the most notorious Cold Warriors. The grant enabled me to make a research trip to Washington, DC. Here I used the resources at the National Archives, the National Security Archives, and the Library of Congress. In these archives I worked with recently declassified documents relating to U.S. cold war policy and specifically as they related to the origins of the Vietnam War. I also visited the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Archives in Boston, MA. Finally I worked with archivists at the Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson archives for additional materials relating to Edward Lansdale's actions during the Cold War. The result of this final research can be seen throughout my manuscript.