

**Transcript: Testimony of Richard Hertel**

**Q:** When you were in training ... if could you explain to us what the overall objective was of the war. As

2 in, why did they tell you you were going to Vietnam. What was the greater purpose you were serving?

**A:** We got practically nothing about what the purpose of the war was. It was just, basically we were

4 trained to kill and to kill efficiently.

I don't remember anything about the politics of the war. In fact, I think that the people who

6 were training us specifically avoided any mention of anything that was political because that would put

them in jeopardy with their superiors. So we got nothing.