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JFK AND VIETNAM

Corporate media continue to promote the false narrative that John Kennedy wanted to escalate further in Vietnam before his assassination and that Lyndon Johnson was simply continuing his Vietnam directives after taking office. The truth is that Kennedy not only was going to de-escalate but had plans to completely withdraw troops and advisers by the end of 1965.

In 1998 the Assassination Records Review Board released a number of records, including Memorandum NSAM 263 signed by JFK on Oct. 11, 1963, an order to withdraw 1,000 troops out of roughly 16,000 Americans stationed in Vietnam by the end of 1963, with the complete withdrawal by the end of 1965.

It was also stated in NSAM 263 that this was to remain secret until after the 1964 presidential election. Kennedy stated that he did not want to be perceived as “soft on communism” before the election but was willing to accept the backlash after the election, which he knew would be fierce.

The evidence is clear and incontrovertible that Kennedy had plans to deescalate in Vietnam and that the U.S. media are either consciously stifling this narrative or incredibly negligent. The military contractors knew they would be losing hundreds of billions in weapons contracts if Kennedy was re-elected. It would be profoundly ignorant to ignore this historical context when seeking the truth surrounding Kennedy’s assassination.

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DEATH IS FEMININE

Note to Georgette Silber [Letters, 11/21], getting all huffy about French language: No

hard feelings, but, I would suggest, before acting like an expert and correcting mistakes that are not mistakes, make sure that you don’t embarrass yourself by showing a touch of *humilité*.

La mort (death) is in fact feminine in the French language. A dead person (if male) is *un mort* (masculine) or *une morte* (if a female). But death, you know, the Grim Reaper, is feminine in French, as is life (*la vie*). To be very ill (between life and death) in French is *être entre la vie et la mort*.

That’s my *grain de sel* in this hugely important matter.

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REPUBLICANS ON BIKES

Just a few simple things concerning the safety and rights of our city’s bike riders: Follow the laws; many do not do this. See eye-to-eye before you dash in front of a car, even when you have the right-of-way. Just

yesterday we were turning from Hwy. 99 heading south onto Roosevelt, going west, and this woman cyclist just dashed right in front of us without looking at us at all. I was like, “Wow! How stupid is that.” It was night as well and you could barely see her.

Then there are the riders who go on the shared bike/pedestrian paths who almost run you over with no apology. They refuse to slow down. The law says foot traffic has the right-of-way, yet these bike riders don’t seem to think so. I have lost my respect for people like this, and I swear they must be Republicans all dressed up in their fancy riding gear on their expensive bicycles. Tsk.

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