

Secret Vietnam War Study Is Out In Whole

WASHINGTON (AP) — Call it the granddaddy of WikiLeaks. Four decades ago, a young defense analyst leaked a top-secret study packed with damaging revelations about America's conduct of the Vietnam War.
On Monday, that study, dubbed the Pentagon Papers, finally came out in complete form. It's a touchstone for whistleblowers everywhere and just the sort of leak that gives presidents fits to this day.
The documents show that almost from the opening lines, it was apparent that the authors knew they had produced a hornet's nest.
In his Jan. 15, 1969, confidential memorandum introducing the report to the defense chief, the chairman of the task force that produced the study hinted at the explosive nature of the contents.
"Writing history, especially where it blends into current events, especially where that current event is Vietnam, is a treacherous exercise," Leslie H. Gelb wrote.
Asked by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara to do an "encyclopedic and objective" study of U.S. involvement in Vietnam from World War II to 1967, the team of three dozen analysts pored over a trove of Pentagon, CIA and State Department documents with "ant-like diligence," he wrote.

Libyan Rebels Break Out Toward Tripoli

MISRATA, Libya (AP) — Libyan rebels Monday broke out toward Tripoli from the opposition-held port of Misrata 140 miles to the east, cracking a government siege as fighters across the country mounted a resurgence in their four-month-old revolt against Moammar Gadhafi.
The rebels gained a diplomatic boost as well when the visiting German foreign minister said the nascent opposition government was "the legitimate representative of the Libyan people." Guido Westerwelle was visiting Benghazi, the capital of the rebel-held east of the country, to open a liaison office and hand over medical supplies.
He stopped short of full diplomatic recognition of the Transitional National Council, as has the United States, awaiting the ouster of Moammar Gadhafi from his more than 40-year rule in the oil-rich North African country.
Germany has refused to participate in NATO airstrikes in Libya and withheld its support for the U.N. resolution that allowed the attacks.
What started as a peaceful uprising against Gadhafi has become a civil war, with poorly equipped and trained rebel fighters taking control of the eastern third of Libya and pockets of the west.

White House: Weiner's Conduct A 'Distraction'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said Monday that Rep. Anthony Weiner's conduct has been inappropriate and distracting, while the House Ethics Committee started a preliminary inquiry that could bloom into a full investigation if the New York Democrat ignores mounting pressure to resign.
"The president feels, we feel in the White House, that this is a distraction, obviously," White House spokesman Jay Carney said in response to reporters' questions aboard Air Force One as the president traveled to North Carolina. "As Congressman Weiner has said himself, his behavior was inappropriate, his dishonesty was inappropriate."
Carney wouldn't say whether President Barack Obama believes Weiner should resign for sending sexually charged photos and messages online to several women. Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi has called for Weiner to quit, as did several other Democrats including party chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.
House officials said the ethics inquiry is not yet extensive, and committee leaders have not indicated whether they will order a more intensive staff investigation. The officials requested anonymity because the committee has not announced the staff inquiry.
If Weiner does resign, the committee would no longer have jurisdiction to investigate him. If he remains in Congress, Chairman Jo Bonner of Alabama and ranking Democrat Linda Sanchez of California could name a four-member subcommittee to conduct a more thorough investigation. That could lead to an ethics trial.

Republicans Assail Obama In Debate

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Republican White House hopefuls criticized President Barack Obama's handling of the economy from the opening moments of their first major debate of the campaign season Monday night and pledged emphatically to repeal the administration's year-old health care law.
"When 14 million Americans are out of work we need a new president to end the Obama Depression," said former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the first among seven contenders on stage to assail the president's economic policies.
Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, invited as an unannounced contender for the 2012 nomination, used the occasion to announce she had filed papers earlier in the day to run — a disclosure in keeping with a feisty style she has employed since her election to Congress.
Obama was hundreds of miles away, vowing to continue his efforts to create jobs as the Republicans met on a stage at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire.
Former Sen. Rick Santorum accused Obama of pursuing "oppressive policies" that have shackled the economy.
Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Wallely labeled Obama a "declinist" who views America "as one of equals around the world," rather than a special nation.
"If Brazil can have 5 percent growth, if China can have 5 percent growth, then America can have 5 percent growth," he added, shrugging off criticism that his own economic projections were impossibly rosy.
Businessman Herman Cain, a political novice, called for eliminating the capital gains tax as a way to stimulate job creation.
Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney stressed his experience as a businessman over 25 years as evidence that he can lead the nation out of a lingering recession.
Said Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, the seventh contender on the stage: "As long as we are running a program that deliberately weakens our currency, our jobs will go overseas. And that's what's happening."
Romney was the nominal front-runner. But the public opinion polls that made him so are notoriously unreliable at this point in the campaign, when relatively few voters have begun to familiarize themselves with their choices.

BUDGET BATTLE

Obama Sees 'Progress' In Talks

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Monday that there has been progress in budget talks to find spending cuts to accompany legislation allowing the government to continue to borrow to finance its operations and avoid defaulting on U.S. bonds.
The president also said in an interview with NBC's "Today" that he's "absolutely confident" that a budget agreement can be achieved in talks led by Vice President Joe Biden and that an agreement won't require radical change if "everybody makes some sacrifices."
"I am absolutely confident that we can move forward on a plan that gets our debt under control, gets our deficit under control," Obama said in an interview to air Tuesday morning. "There is a way of solving this problem that doesn't require any big, radical changes. What it



President Barack Obama gestures as he makes remarks during a visit Monday to Durham, N.C. The President toured the Cree facility, met with his Jobs Creation and Competitiveness Council and spoke about job creation.

does require is everybody makes some sacrifices."
The Biden-led talks are paving the way for a higher-level negotiation that will involve Obama and House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio.
House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., who's representing

House Republicans in the talks, said Monday that it's possible to find trillions of dollars in spending cuts so that lawmakers wouldn't have to revisit the politically poisonous topic before next year's elections.
Cantor and Boehner are insisting that the amount of deficit savings exceed the accompanying increase in the nation's debt limit. It would take a \$2.5 trillion or so borrowing increase to keep the government afloat until early 2013.
Biden has only said that it's looking like the negotiations will produce more than \$1 trillion, and he pressed Republicans last week to consider revenue increases such as limiting the value of tax deductions taken by the wealthy. That's a non-starter with Republicans.
The negotiators face an Aug. 2 deadline to raise the so-called debt limit. The group's seventh session is slated for Tuesday.
"We've seen some progress," Obama said.

ARIZONA FIRE

Battle Against Blaze Moves To N.M. Border

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LUNA, N.M. — Crews who've been battling a massive wildfire in eastern Arizona for two weeks shifted their focus Monday to New Mexico, where they lit fires to stifle a flare-up that skipped along tree-tops toward a small mountain town.
In the opposite corner of New Mexico, near the Colorado border, a wildfire that had already forced hundreds of people from their homes more than doubled in size to an estimated 6,000 acres, or 9 square miles.
"We're watching trees explode before our eyes. It's horrendous," said Barbara Riley, a schoolteacher and bed-and-breakfast owner in the northeastern New Mexico community of Raton.
That blaze has closed 20 miles of the main north-south highway through New Mexico and Colorado, sending travelers hours out of their way.
At the Wallow fire Monday, crews worked furiously to protect the working-class mountain town of Luna, N.M., after a successful week-

end of no major fire growth.
Hundreds of firefighters worked alongside U.S. Highway 180 between Luna and the state line, hacking down brush and using chain saws to cut down trees. The other side of the road was blackened from the fires they set to clear a break.
At Luna Lake in Arizona, a steady stream of helicopters sucked up water and flew west to attack flames sending up a huge plume of thick, grey smoke from the pines. Fire officials said the flare-up was in the tree crowns, an ominous sign that the fire was gaining. It was still more than three miles from Luna.
Earlier Monday, Catron County Undersheriff Ian Fletcher said he had not ordered the 200 or so residents of Luna to leave, but had a plan in case it was needed.
Residents of two Arizona towns

on the fire's northern edge were allowed to go back home Sunday, and thousands streamed into Eagar and Springerville through the day. Crews have stopped its northern advance and are now trying to corral its eastern advance into New Mexico by burning a line in front of the fire that it can't cross.
The wildfire near the New Mexico-Colorado border started Sunday on the west side of Interstate 25 and then jumped to the east side. Between 800 and 1,000 people were asked overnight to leave their homes northeast of Raton.
The fire prompted the closure of I-25 from Trinidad, Colo., to Raton, sending summer motorists on lengthy detours. Fire officials confirmed that two structures were burned, but they could not say whether they were homes, busi-

nesses or outbuildings.
Of the plume of smoke rising from the hills outside his town, Raton Mayor Neil Segotta said: "It looks like your worst nightmare."
The Wallow fire, burning since Memorial Day, had grown to 706 square miles, or more than 452,000 acres, by Monday morning and was just 10 percent contained. But firefighters have been sounding increasingly confident at their daily briefings that their efforts were paying off.
The Wallow fire is the second largest in state history, although it has burned only 31 homes and four rental cabins, a fraction of the largest. That fire was the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski, which burned 732 square miles and destroyed 491 buildings.

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