

Vietnam

1957-1975

\$150 billion

58,000 Americans dead

Approx 2 mil Vietnamese
dead



Geneva Conference – 1954

US, USSR, China, England, France

-Vietnam divided at the 17th parallel





**Ho Chi Minh governs
the north -
Communist**

Gulf of Tonkin incident:

August 2, 1964 USS Maddox attacked 28 mi off coast during routine patrol in the Gulf of Tonkin

August 4, 1964 - USS Turner Joy with Maddox

Turner Joy spots high speed vessels 4-15 mi away, both ships engage



Laos

Gulf of Tonkin

Thailand

South China Sea

Cambodia

Vietnam

Tuc Dup Hill
Ha Tien
Long Xuyen
Sa Dec
Rach Gia

Hon Chong
Phu Quoc Island
Can Tho

Chau Doc
Ba Chuc
Cao Lanh
My Tho
Saigon Ho Chi Minh City
Soc Trang
Co Mau
Nam Can

Cat Tien National Park
Dak Lak Province
Da Lat

Ninh Chu Beach

Phan Thiet
Mui Ne
Ca Na
Vinh Hao
Vung Tau
Bac Lieu
Ben Tre
Vinh Long
Tra Vinh

Lang Son

Tra Co Beach
Bai Tu Long Bay
Ha Long Bay
Cat Ba National Park
Hai Phong
Cat Ba Island

Sa Pa
Lao Cai
Lai Chau
Son La
Dien Bien Phu
Moc Chau
Hoa Binh

Thanh Hoa
DMZ
Dien Chau
Vinh
Ha Tinh

Ha Long City
Mong Cai

Dong Hoi
Hue

Bach Ma National Park
Da Nang
Hoi An

Quang Ngai

Kon Tum
Pleiku

Quy Nhon

Tuy Hoa

Yok Don National Park
Buon Ma Thuot

Nha Trang

Phan Rang&Thap Cham

August 7, 1964 Congress passed the **Gulf of Tonkin Resolution**

Allows the President to “take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the US and to prevent further aggression”

US + SV

Vs.

NV + **VietCong** (Vietnamese Communists)

US tactics:

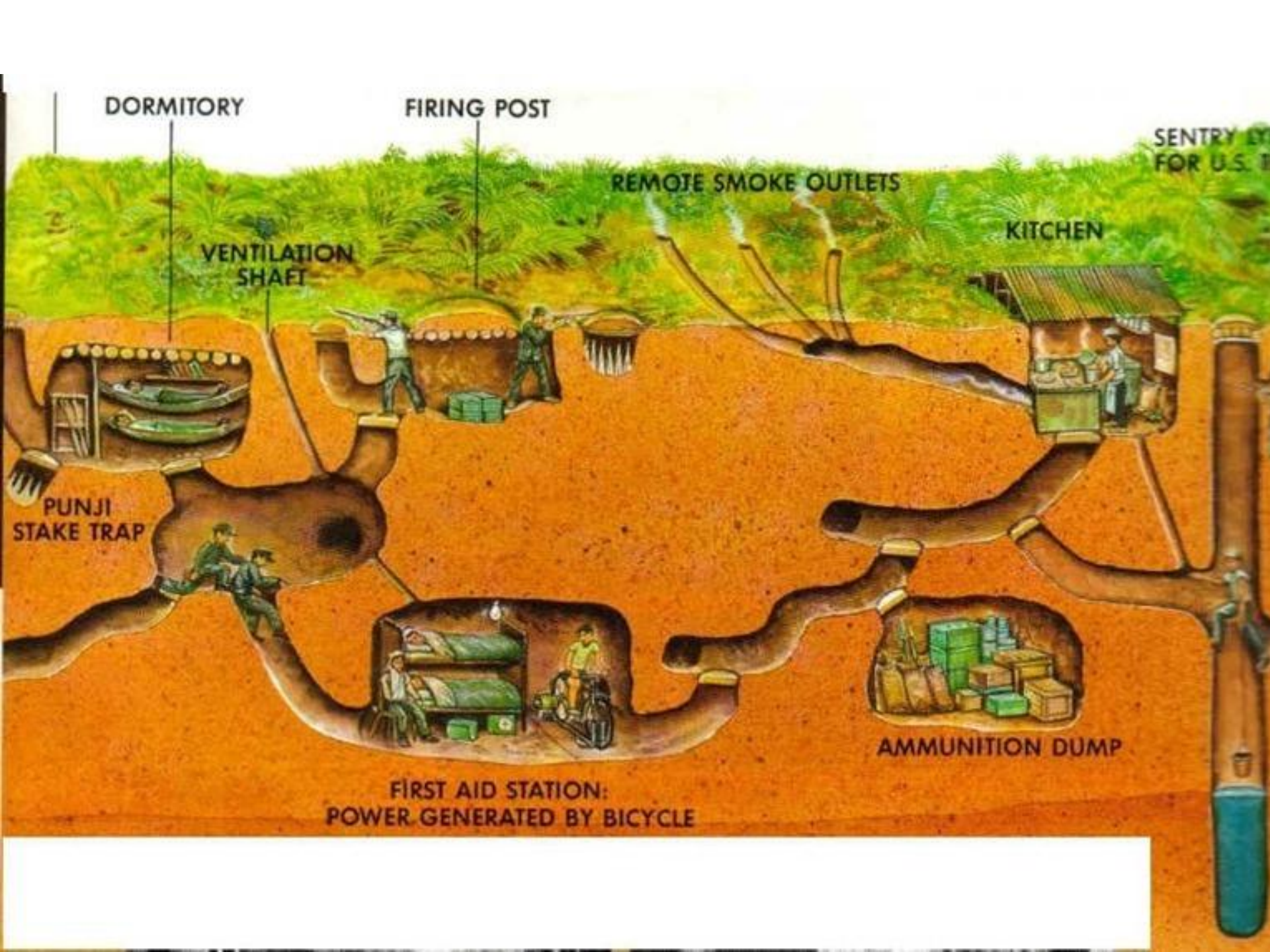
1. **Operation Rolling Thunder** – bombing

NV

Wanted to destroy **Ho Chi Minh Trail** –
path NV and VC sent men/supplies to SV







DORMITORY

FIRING POST

SENTRY FOR U.S.

REMOTE SMOKE OUTLETS

KITCHEN

VENTILATION SHAFT

PUNJI STAKE TRAP

AMMUNITION DUMP

FIRST AID STATION:
POWER GENERATED BY BICYCLE

1965 – air strikes increase, begin using
Napalm and **Agent Orange**

2. **search and destroy** missions
-Kill as many as possible

Unfamiliar with geography, culture, and
guerrilla tactics

[Forrest Gump Vietnam Scenes Edited - YouTube](#)

VietCong military tactics: (guerrilla)

Avoid large battles

Travel light

Fight on our terms

Only fight when victory is sure

****EXTREMELY** dedicated to their cause

Jan 1973 – US, NV, SV, VC sign **Paris Peace Accords**

1. Cease fire
2. Withdrawal of US
3. POWs exchanged
4. Out of Laos and Cambodia
5. Vietnam stay divided

Americans leave – NV & SV fail to honor
cease fire or try to work together

April, 1975 Saigon falls to NV – Renamed
Ho Chi Minh City