



Impact of the Vietnam War (Paperback)

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University Press of the Pacific, United States, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English. Brand New Book ****** Print on Demand *****. This survey by the Library of Congress collects a broad range of information detailing the enormous costs-in human and material resources-incurred as a result of the war in Indochina. The compilation of this information will, I hope, serve to bring into perspective and to clarify the stark implications of United States policy toward this region. The casualty and refugee figures are sadly familiar from the daily newspapers. However, many of the other items also illustrate the profound effect of the war and may not have received the attention they deserve. For example, it is estimated that chemical herbicides have been applied to nearly one-seventh of South Vietnam (6 pounds per person), thereby destroying enough food for 600,000 people for 1 year and enough timber to meet the needs of the country, based on current demand, for 31 years. In South Vietnam agricultural productivity has been lowered; inflation is rampant (Saigon s retail prices having increased by over 700 percent since 1965); and last year the balance, if it can be called that, of trade showed approximately \$600 million of...



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