

History 498  
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**Writing Assignment #1**

Drawing on the information in Herring's article and playing the role of either a French foreign service officer or an American foreign service officer, compose a brief for your boss explaining **why** the Americans (or the French) are impossible to work with and are undermining the chances for success against the Vietminh.

Your brief should be the equivalent of two double-spaced pages.