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**APPLICATION FOR FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT**

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1. Project Title: William Egan Colby: a Biography  
2. Name of Principal Investigator/Project Director: Jeff Woods  
3. School (abbrev): LFA 4. Department: Social Sciences and Philosophy  
5. Campus Mail Address: WPN 258 6. PI/PD Campus Phone: 498-6057  
7. Amount Requested: \$ 2000 8. Total Cost of Project: \$ 2500  
9. Does this project involve: 10. Duration of Project: One week, May 2007

**Yes No**

- ☐ ☒ human subjects?  
☐ ☒ animals/animal care facility?  
☐ ☒ radioactive materials?  
☐ ☒ hazardous materials?  
☐ ☒ biological agents or toxins restricted by the USA Patriot Act?  
☐ ☒ copyright or patent potential?  
☐ ☒ utilization of space not currently available to the PI/PD?  
☐ ☒ the purchase of equipment/instrumentation/software currently available to the PI/PD?

**NOTE:** If the answer is "yes" to any of the above questions, the investigator must attach appropriate documentation of approval or justification for use/purchase.

**SIGNATURES**

**Department Contribution (if applicable):** \$ n/a

**Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**This Section to be completed by the Office of Academic Affairs**

FSBA Committee Award Recommendation: Yes ☒ No ☐  
FSBA Committee Proposal Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Total Proposals.  
Recommendation of VPAA: Yes ☒ No ☐  
Recommendation of President: Yes ☐ No ☐  
Award Date: 1/25/07

## **Abstract**

I am requesting travel funds for a research trip to Vietnam. The research will be used in support of a biography on William Egan Colby. I received a sabbatical from Arkansas Tech for the spring and fall semesters 2007 and will complete a draft manuscript of the Colby biography that can be marketed for publication by the end of the year. Bill Colby was a behind-the-lines operative in World War II, a CIA agent in Europe in the 1950s, and director of the CIA in the 1960s, but arguably his most significant contribution was in Vietnam in the 1960s as the CIA's Saigon station chief and the head of CORDS--the U.S. military's pacification and nation-building division. Colby led what was arguably the most controversial covert operation in United States history while directing CORDS: the "Phoenix" assassination program that targeted and killed some 30,000 suspected Vietcong in South Vietnam. A full account of Colby's experiences is vital to any meaningful understanding of past and current CIA detention and interrogation practices as well as American nation-building efforts overseas.

## **Purpose/Objectives and Significance/Need**

The biography I plan to write will go beyond the three major works that have already been written by or about Bill Colby. *Honorable Men*, Colby's memoir of his life in the CIA, came out in 1978. The book is essentially a personal recollection. No archival resources or interviews are cited. The same can be said of *Lost Victory*, Colby's account of his experience as Saigon station chief and director of pacification in Vietnam. Soviet, Chinese, and North Vietnamese espionage operations are almost completely absent in Colby's autobiographical accounts. A third major work on Colby, John Prados's *Lost Crusade*, was published in 2003. As a piece of history, the book goes

much farther than Colby's personal accounts. But while Prados's work on the CIA, especially its secret wars and covert operations is extensive, the book struggles as a biography. Prados uses very few interviews, only the most obvious manuscript collections, and depends largely on historian Douglas Valentine's private collection for his material on Vietnam. Prados, more importantly, offers next to nothing in the way of foreign sources. My time to Vietnam will be spent conducting interviews with Communist officials who worked to counter Colby's initiatives and in visiting a tribal community where Colby built a model anti-communist self-defense force. The information gained from these interviews will provide direct evidence of Colby's and the CIA's influence among the Vietnamese and will thus offer a more balanced account of the Americans' successes and failures in the war effort.

#### **Process for Attainment of Goals**

Over 7 days in May, 2007, I will conduct interviews in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, and in the central highlands town of Buon Me Thout where Colby worked among the Rhade (Ede) tribesmen. I already have contact with two former Vietminh and North Vietnamese military officials, Tran Bach Dang and Bui Tin, through colleagues at Texas Tech's Vietnam Archive. I will find other interviewees through experts at the Cold War International History Project and Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies. During the trip, I also plan to visit the Vietnamese National Archives Center II in Ho Chi Minh City, which has several collections on the Republican Period in South Vietnam.

### **Dissemination of Results**

Once the manuscript is complete, I will look for publication with a large academic or commercial press. I have a good publication record, with two books to my credit already. The book should have a popular appeal and a larger print run than either of my first two books. Publication hopefully will help Arkansas Tech University in two ways. First it will bring free publicity and exposure to the institution. Second it will improve my courses in intelligence and diplomatic history and hopefully lure students.

### **Repeated Requests**

While I have not previously requested funding for this or any other research project from the Faculty Research Fund, Arkansas Tech has granted my request for a sabbatical in 2007. My application for sabbatical briefly alluded to this request: "There is the possibility that I will need to visit either France or Vietnam to conduct interviews with Colby's widow and colleagues. If that is the case I will apply for a faculty research grant and make the necessary trips in early summer." Colby's widow, Sally Shelton, has agreed to a phone interview, so the trip to France is unnecessary. Given the number of interviews I need to conduct, the language barrier (I do not speak Vietnamese and will need a translator), the fact that the Rhade do not generally use telephones or e-mail, and my need to gain a better first-hand knowledge of the Vietnamese culture (I have never been to Vietnam), the trip to Vietnam will be necessary.

## Budget

### Travel:

Airfare to and from Ho Chi Minh City, May 2006	\$1500
Lodging in Vietnam for 6 nights	<u>\$ 500</u>
TOTAL	\$2000

I am only requesting money sufficient enough to cover my flight and lodging. I will cover the expenses for food, a car, and a driver/interpreter myself. The Social Sciences and Philosophy Department and the School of Liberal and Fine Arts have agreed to help fund research trips I will need to take to Washington D.C., Ann Arbor Michigan, and Burlington Vermont and are unable to contribute directly to my trip to Vietnam.

## Bibliography

Colby, William. *Honorable Men: My Life in the CIA*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1978.

Colby, William. *Lost Victory: A Firsthand Account of America's Sixteen-Year Involvement in Vietnam*. Chicago: Contemporary Books, 1989.

Prados, John. *Lost Crusader: The Secret Wars of CIA Director William Colby*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.

# PROPOSED BUDGET

## FACULTY RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT GRANT

(include budget categories as appropriate)


1.	Graduate assistant stipend	\$ _____
	Fringe benefits: salary X .0012	_____
2.	Non-work study stipend	_____
	Fringe benefits: salary X .0012	_____
3.	*Supplies (please list items to be purchased and estimated price per item including taxes and shipping, if appropriate):	
	Item No. 1 (e.g., software)	Estimated Price _____
	Item No. 2 (e.g., copying costs)	Estimated Price _____
	Item No. 3	Estimated Price _____
	(additional lines as needed)	
	Total estimated supplies	_____
4.	Travel (please list travel expenditures by date and estimated costs):	
	Travel No. 1      Airfare	Estimated Price <u>1500</u>
	Travel No. 2      Lodging	Estimated Price <u>500</u>
	Travel No. 3	Estimated Price _____
	(additional lines as needed)	
	Total estimated travel	<u>2000</u>
5.	*Capital Outlay (please list items to be purchased and estimated price per item including taxes and shipping, if appropriate):	
	Item No. 1	Estimated Price _____
	Item No. 2	Estimated Price _____
	Item No. 3	Estimated Price _____
	(additional lines as needed)	
	Total estimated capital outlay	_____
	TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$ <u>2000</u>


\*Items purchased under \$2,500 (including taxes and shipping) are considered supply items. Capital Outlay items are those which cost \$2,500 or more (including taxes and shipping).


## Flight + Hotel package cost: \$2,031


per person


### Change flight Flight: 1 round trip ticket


**Leave** Sun, May 13 Delta Air Lines 6098 operated by FREEDOM AIRLINES INC  
 **Depart:** Little Rock, AR (LIT) 2+ stops | 1hr 30min | Economy | Embraer RJ145 | 453 miles  
9:10am Atlanta, GA (ATL)  
**Arrive:** 11:40am

 **Depart:** Delta Air Lines 7850 operated by KOREAN AIRLINES – KE 0036  
Atlanta, GA (ATL) 14hr 55min | Economy | Boeing 747 | 7135 miles  
1:10pm Seoul, Korea, Rep. of  
**Arrive:** (ICN)  
5:05pm

 **Depart:** Delta Air Lines 7925 operated by KOREAN AIRLINES – KE 0681  
Seoul, Korea, Rep. of 5hr 35min | Economy | Airbus A333 | 2220 miles  
7:45pm (ICN)  
**Arrive:** Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
11:20pm (SGN)  
This is an overnight flight.

**Return** Mon, May 21 Delta Air Lines 7926 operated by KOREAN AIRLINES – KE 0682  
 **Depart:** Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam 2+ stops | 4hr 45min | Economy | Airbus A333 | 2220 miles  
12:50am (SGN)  
**Arrive:** Seoul, Korea, Rep. of  
7:35am (ICN)

 **Depart:** Delta Air Lines 7851 operated by KOREAN AIRLINES – KE 0035  
Seoul, Korea, Rep. of 13hr 50min | Economy | Boeing 747 | 7135 miles  
10:00am (ICN)  
**Arrive:** Atlanta, GA (ATL)  
10:50am

 **Depart:** Delta Air Lines 925  
Atlanta, GA (ATL) 1hr 31min | Economy | Boeing Douglas MD-80 | 60% on time | 453 miles  
7:35pm Little Rock, AR (LIT)  
**Arrive:** 8:06pm

Total duration: 9hr 26min | Total miles: 19616 miles

### Change hotel Hotel: 1 guest, 6 nights, 1 room



**Marco Polo Omni**

★★★★★  **ORBITZ SPECIAL OFFER**

253 NGYUEN VAN TROI SREET,, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

0 Miles East of Ho Chi Minh City

More hotel details

**Check in:**

Mon, May 14, 2007

**Check out:**

Sun, May 20, 2007

**Guests:**

1

**Rooms:**

1

**Amenities**

- Pool
- Pets allowed

## Application Vita for Jeff Woods

### I. Work Experience

Associate Professor of History, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville,  
AR (2006-present)

Assistant Professor of History, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville,  
AR (2000-2006)

### II. Publications

#### *Books:*

Richard Russell, Southern Nationalism, and American Foreign Policy  
(Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006).

Black Struggle, Red Scare: Segregation and Anticommunism in the South,  
1948-1968 (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2004).

#### *Articles:*

"The Presidential Election of 1948," American Presidential Campaigns  
and Elections (New York: ME Sharpe, 2003).

"Homeland Security," Arkansas Times (October 11, 2002).

"Designed to Harass: Act 10 in Arkansas," Arkansas Historical Quarterly  
(Winter, 1997-1998).

#### *Encyclopedia Entries:*

"Pearl Harbor," "Cuban Missile Crisis," "Bay of Pigs Invasion," and "My  
Lai Massacre," for Disasters, Accidents, and Crises (New York: Facts on  
File, 2007).

"Act 10," "Act 115," and "Bruce Bennett" for the Encyclopedia of  
Arkansas History and Culture (2005).

#### *Reviews:*

Defining the Peace, by Jennifer Brooks, American Historical Review  
(April 2006).

The White South and the Red Menace, by George Lewis, Arkansas  
Historical Quarterly (Spring 2005).

Dixie Looks Abroad: The South and U.S. Foreign Relations, 1789-1973,  
by Joseph A. Fry, Arkansas Historical Quarterly (Summer 2002).



*Current Projects:*

William Colby. I am writing a biography of CIA director William Colby.

Southern Identity. I am co-editing a collection of essays for publication with a university press.

III. Recent Public Presentations

"Digital Hearts and Minds: Hamlet Evaluation Systems in Vietnam,"  
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference,  
Lawrence, KS (2006)

"World War II in the River Valley," Lions Club, Russellville, AR (2005).

"What Brought Us to November 3, 1979: Southern Nationalism and the  
Southern Nationalism and the Southern Red Scare," Greensboro Truth  
and Reconciliation Commission, Greensboro, NC (2005).

"Black Struggle, Red Scare," Old Independence Regional Museum/Lyon  
College, Batesville, AR (2005)

"Southern Nationalism and the Ideological Roots of the Southern Red  
Scare," Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN  
(2004).

"Richard Russell, Southern Nationalism, and America's War in Vietnam,"  
The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference,  
Austin, TX (2004).

"Race, Southern Nationalism, and Arkansas," Arkansas Literary Festival,  
Little Rock, AR (2004).

"What's Going On? Iraq and Regional Security," Arkansas Tech Student  
Forum, Russellville, AR (2003).

IV. History and Digital Technology Work Experience

Arkansas Tech University Digital History Institute, Russellville, AR  
(2002-Present). I am the founder and director of the institute.

Consultant, McGraw Hill, Boston, MA (2002-2005).

I review and edit online course material and mini-documentary scripts for  
the Alan Brinkley textbook, The Unfinished Nation.

Home Front to Battle Front: World War II and the River Valley (2005).  
I produced two short documentaries and two web sites as well as  
overseeing the oral history project for this NEH and Arkansas Humanities  
Council funded museum exhibit on the Arkansas Tech University campus.

#### V. Additional Work Experience

Program Coordinator, "Ho Chi Minh, Lyndon Johnson, and the War in  
Vietnam," Phi Alpha Theta Spring Program, Russellville, AR (2004).

Consultant, College Board Text on *Brown v. Board of Education* (2004).

Program Coordinator, Arkansas Association of College History Teachers  
Conference, Hot Springs, AR (2001).

Ohio University Press Editorial Board, Athens, OH (1996-2000).

#### VI. University Service

Chairman, Faculty Salary, Awards, and Benefits Committee, Arkansas  
Tech University, Russellville, AR (2005-2006).



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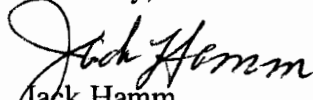
Dr. Jeff Woods  
Witherspoon 258  
Arkansas Tech University  
Russellville, AR 72801

Dear Dr. Woods:

Congratulations! Academic Affairs is pleased to announce your application for the Spring, 2007 Faculty Research Grant has been recommended by the Faculty Salary, Benefits, and Awards Committee. Based on this recommendation, Academic Affairs has approved the \$2000 budget. Requisitions regarding the grant will be processed through your Dean's office and should be expended by June 30, 2007.

Your research on this project is sure to not only benefit your department, but Arkansas Tech University as a whole. We wish you success with this endeavor.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Hamm

Vice President for Academic Affairs

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