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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**New York City**

While Ambassador Maxwell Taylor huddled with his chiefs in Washington (page 43), another old Saigon hand was following the crisis from afar and at the same time setting out for a new career. He is Frederick E. Nolting Jr., JFK's man in Saigon from 1961 to 1963, who retired



Nolting

from the State Department this year to become a vice president in the international division of Morgan Guaranty Trust.

A tall, muscular Virginian of 53, Nolting became a career diplomat in 1946, after stints as an investment broker in his native Richmond, a tour as a philosophy professor, and duty as a World War II Navy gunnery officer. He was stationed in Paris (to which he will eventually return for Morgan Guaranty) when JFK tapped him for Saigon.

A transient for the moment, Nolting is staying at New York's River Club, while his wife, Olivia, keeps home in Washington with their four daughters (ranging from 16 to 23). The ambassador-turned-banker follows Vietnam only in the news columns and avoids advice. "No one who is not close to the day-to-day happenings should be saying what should be done." He is betting on his old colleague, General Taylor, however. "I have great faith in Max Taylor."



Gullion

Medford, Mass.

Another veteran of Vietnam, Edmund Gullion, who also served as JFK's envoy to the Congo, is far from the diplomatic wars and starting a new life on the Tufts University campus here. Gullion, a career man since 1937, was No. 2 in the Saigon embassy when the then Congressman

Kennedy visited it in 1951. His briefing of the future President—accurately forecasting the French failure in Asia—earned him JFK's personal rating as "one of the brightest young diplomats I have ever met." After reaching the White House, the President plucked Gullion from his stateside chores and shipped him to Leopoldville with his new bride, Patricia. He returned this spring and retired this month.

Right now, at 51, Gullion is getting his bearings for his new post, dean of Tufts' Fletcher School of Diplomacy, and looking for a new home. (He and Patricia now live in a rented house near the Manassas battleground in Virginia.) Following the Vietnam news "with great anxiety," Gullion feels the "roots of the problem go far back, to the period when I was there." Like Nolting, he proposes no solutions. "I have profound sympathy with those involved," he says, "and the way to show that sympathy is not to second-guess them."