



ON ARRIVING IN SAIGON:

For a time in Saigon I became the assistant air attache, and the air attache went crazy on the thing. "Who are you," he said, "bringing all of this [spy agency] crap in here? I outrank you [and I won't have it]!" I said, First of all, I outrank you, and I don't mind being your 'assistant'. It is just a convenience to me, a place I can hang my hat.

He was sure I wasn't a regular Air Force officer [but was just masquerading as one]. So he looked [in the AF registry and discovered that] I outranked him. . . . We were both colonels. . . . This goes by date of rank.

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