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"Empathy and Leadership/War and Peace:
Lessons From JFK, LBJ and Vietnam"

James Blight and Janet Lang, of Brown University's Watson Institute for
International Studies, will conduct a day-long workshop on March 21,
based on their more than twenty years of research on the presidencies
of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

The morning session will focus on the significance of empathy (and its
absence) between the Americans and Vietnamese communists, leading
to the escalation of the war in Vietnam.

The afternoon session will consider how presidential leadership can lead
a nation into war, or keep a nation out of war, by comparing the decision-
making of Kennedy, Johnson and George W. Bush. Blight and Lang will
draw on several documentary films with which they have recently been
involved, including Errol Morris' "The Fog of War" (2004), and Koji
Masutani's "Virtual JFK" (2008).