Preface ix

- I. VIETNAM, COLONIALISM, AND COLD WAR (1941–January 1953) 1
- II. EISENHOWER, DULLES, DOMINOES, AND DIENBIENPHU (January 1953-May 1954) 17
- III. THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND THE "DIEM CARD" (May-June 1954) 41
- IV. SEATO AND OTHER STOPGAPS TO SHORE-UP SOUTH VIETNAM
 (June-November 1954) 65
- V. THE COLLINS MISSION AND WASHINGTON'S "POINT OF NO RETURN" (November 1954–May 1955) 91
- VI. THE SUBSTANCE AND SUBTERFUGE OF NATION BUILDING (May 1955–January 1957) 121

Contents

VII. THE MIRACLE AND THE MUDDLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM (January 1955–January 1959) 151

TE SERVICE TRANSPORTER

WE THE PERSON NAMED AND ADDRESS OF THE ABOUT AND ADDRESS OF THE SAME ADDRESS OF THE SAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SAME AND ADDRESS OF THE SAME ADDRESS OF THE SAME ADDRESS OF THE SAME ADDRESS OF THE SAME A

VIII. TRAPPED BY SUCCESS

(January 1959–January 1961) 175

IX. CONCLUSION 199

Notes 211

Bibliography 255

Index 269