

BOOK REVIEWS

ment, Institutional Constraints on U.S. Performance, Institutional Obstacles to the Learning Process, Lack of Unified Management, Attempts at Adaptive Response, Was There a Viable Alternative Strategy? and his brilliant summation, What Lessons Can Be Learned? His book is a clear call for better and more creative management at all levels. Komer supports counterinsurgency, and he rejects much of the rest of the Summers-Palmer argument.

Interesting, provocative, and assertive, this book and Thomas C. Thayer's *War Without Fronts*, upon which Komer draws heavily, are two of the best books on the war that I have read lately. They definitely need to be read alongside Summers' *On Strategy* and Palmer's *The 25-Year War*.

RECENT AND RECOMMENDED

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