Vietnam-Era Presidents: Cartoon Analysis Worksheet

What is the cartoon’s title or caption? ______________________________________________
Who drew the cartoon? ___________________________________________________________
When and where was it published? ________________________________________________
Editorial cartoonists combine pictures and words to communicate their opinions. What tools does the cartoonist use to make his or her point?

___ Humor  ___Labels  ___Caricature  ___Symbols  ___Analogy to another event
___ Stereotypes  ___ Speech balloons  ___References to popular culture, art, literature, etc.

Which Vietnam-era President is featured in the cartoon? _____________________________
What were this President’s years in office? __________________________________________
Are any other public persons included in the cartoon? _________________________________

Does the cartoon address foreign policy, domestic policy, or both? _______________________
Briefly but thoroughly explain the cartoon’s message: _________________________________
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Explain how the cartoonist’s portrayal of the President is positive, negative, or ambiguous:
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Explain how the historical record agrees with or refutes the cartoonist’s opinion:
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