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## **Salem Press Announces the Newest Addition to the Popular *Defining Documents in History Series: The 1960s (1960-1969)***

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