

American Goals

(as explained by Ass't Secretary of Defense John McNaughton)

U.S. aims:

- (a) To protect U.S. reputation as a counter-subversion guarantor.
- (b) To avoid domino effect especially in Southeast Asia.
- (c) To keep South Vietnamese territory from Red hands.
- (d) To emerge from crisis without unacceptable taint from methods.

70% of U.S. goal: “To avoid a humiliating U.S. defeat (to our reputation as a guarantor).”

20%: to keep South Vietnam out of Chinese control.

10%: “To permit the people of SVN to enjoy a better, freer way of life.”

“**Also** – To emerge from crisis without unacceptable taint from methods used.”

“**NOT** – to ‘help a friend,’ although it would be hard to stay in if asked out.”