

THE VIET-NAM DILEMMA AND WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT

I. OBJECTIVES

- Assist South Viet-Nam acquire the capability of combatting aggression and providing internal security on its own.
- Help secure sufficient time for the GVN to develop into a cohesive nationalist political force capable of competing non-militarily with the communists.
- Cultivate meaningful exchanges of views with North Viet-Nam which will eventually allow for a U.S. withdrawal from Viet-Nam on honorable terms consistent with the larger strategic stakes for which we initially became involved.

II. THE DILEMMA

- A. Enemy intentions and capabilities
- B. Time constraints imposed by pressures here at home
- C. Current situation in South Viet-Nam

III. THE REQUIREMENTS AND THE OPTIONS

- A. Building a stronger GVN
- B. Providing security
- C. Cultivating meaningful dialogue with North Viet-Nam
- D. Buying time here at home

For each section the requirements would be listed. Under each requirement the options would be spelled out with a discussion and recommendation. See example below:

Requirement: -----

Options:

(1) -----

(2) -----

(3) -----

Discussion and recommendation: