

VI. SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF POLICY
on
THE SPECIAL SITUATION IN NORTH VIET NAM

73. Treat the Viet Minh as not constituting a legitimate government, and discourage other non-Communist states from developing or maintaining relations with the Viet Minh regime.

74. Prevent the Viet Minh from expanding their political influence and territorial control in Free Viet Nam and Southeast Asia.

75. Deter the Viet Minh from attacking or subverting Free Viet Nam or Laos.

76. Probe weaknesses of the Viet Minh and exploit them internally and internationally whenever possible.

77. Exploit nationalist sentiment within North Viet Nam as a means of weakening and disrupting Sino-Soviet domination.

78. Assist the Government of Viet Nam to undertake programs of political, economic and psychological warfare against Viet Minh Communists.

79. Apply, as necessary to achieve U. S. objectives, restrictions on U. S. exports and shipping and on foreign assets similar to those already in effect for Communist China and North Korea.