

SECRET

66. Encourage Vietnamese military planning for defense against external aggression along lines consistent with U. S. planning concepts based upon approved U. S. policy, and discreetly manifest in other ways U. S. interest in assisting Free Viet Nam; in accordance with the SEATO Treaty, to defend itself against external aggression. *came*

67. Encourage and support an improvement in relations between Viet Nam and Cambodia. *new*

FEDERATION OF MALAYA

*rescinded by Memo to Halders
dated 2 Mar 1962*

68. Encourage the continued development of a strong, stable Malaya within the Commonwealth.

69. Encourage the Commonwealth to exercise primary responsibility in Malaya but be prepared to assist, as necessary, in the maintenance of Malaya's stability and independence.

70. In the application to Malaya of the course of action in paragraph 23-a, be prepared to provide needed technical assistance to Malaya, and consider the extension of loans for economic development if alternate sources of financing prove to be inadequate.

71. Discreetly encourage the present Malayan leadership to improve its position of strength and responsibility unless more favorable alternatives develop.

72. Discreetly encourage Malaya's participation and membership in SEATO, avoiding any actions which might strengthen neutralist sentiment.

73. Encourage the Malayan Government to take vigorous actions to curb Communist subversion and to rely primarily on the Commonwealth for any assistance required.

74. Should overt Communist aggression occur against Malaya, place initial reliance on Commonwealth, SEATO or UN resources as appropriate, but be prepared, subject to Malayan request for assistance, to take independent U. S. action along the lines of the proviso in paragraph 20.

SINGAPORE

75. Bearing in mind Singapore's strategic position and its importance to the Free World, encourage development toward a politically stable, economically viable Singapore,