

POLICY STATEMENT: AS OF NOVEMBER 11, 1967

FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE: DEMOCRATIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We believe the stated goals of the Johnson Administration concerning our nation's involvement in Vietnam are within reach. These goals include an end to hostilities, a substitution of economic for military aid and a negotiated settlement among all parties to the conflict which can result in a stable, neutral South Vietnam, capable of self-determination.

Furthermore, we believe our nation, its allies and its antagonists share certain overriding motivations to achieve these stated goals for reasons of both self-interest and moral judgment.

Therefore, as a logical extension of past efforts toward achieving these goals, and to help meet the realistic requirements for a negotiated settlement, we propose at this time an immediate halt, without conditions, to the bombing of North Vietnam.

We believe the primary responsibility and major role in the combat phases of conflict in South Vietnam should be returned to the armed forces of South Vietnam now that the newly-elected constitutional government has been installed.

Negotiations should be inaugurated involving the National Liberation Front and the governments of North and South Vietnam with a view to arranging for cessation of hostilities and for planning, under international auspices, (a) processes of self-determination in South Vietnam which include participation of all its people, (b) arrangements for the neutralization of Southeast Asia and (c) phased withdrawal from South Vietnam of both North Vietnamese and United States military forces.

Finally, we believe we have a continuing obligation to provide economic assistance to both South and North Vietnam for the purpose of rebuilding these countries and of maintaining the peaceful, stable, neutral conditions achieved.