

GCSE HISTORY

Paper 1 Section B/D: Conflict and tension in Asia, 1950–1975

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Source A for use in answering Question 01

Sources B and C for use in answering Question 02



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Source A

One of the thousands of American leaflets dropped by aircraft into villages in Vietnam in the 1960s.



Source B

Adapted from a newspaper article by a US Air Force General. During the Vietnam War he was a pilot who flew hundreds of missions. It was published after the Americans left Vietnam.

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Our flights were secret because we were not supposed to be flying over Cambodia and Laos. Our job was to block the Ho Chi Minh Trail but we never succeeded. The whole area was devastated by our bombs but somehow the Trail was always there. The fall of Saigon was because large numbers of tanks, artillery and missiles were delivered down the indestructible Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Source C

An anti-war cartoon published in America in 1972 commenting on the widening of the Vietnam War.

The figures represent the Head of the Army and President Nixon. The gravestones represent the thousands of people who had already died in Vietnam.

The Head of the Army is advising the President, "We need to go into Cambodia because if it falls to the Communists then Laos will fall".



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