

In 1969 **Nixon ordered North Vietnam to be bombed.** He did this to make them want to give up. It didn't work. Still in 1969 **Nixon told planes to bomb Cambodia.** North Vietnam soldiers had bases in Cambodia.

In 1970 **Nixon told soldiers from South Vietnam to attack Cambodia to destroy the bases.** It did damage the Ho Chi Minh trail but caused outrage at Nixon for expanding the war and Congress cancelled the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution.

In **1971 the US provided air support for the ARVN to attack Laos to destroy the Ho Chi Minh Trail.** They were driven out by the communists – an embarrassment for the USA.

At the same time Nixon was talking to the leaders of North Vietnam. They made a deal in 1972.

1. South and North would stop fighting.
2. In 60 days all American soldiers would go home.
3. A peaceful way would be found to put North and South together again.

The President of South Vietnam was only told about the deal at the end. He said he wouldn't sign it. Then the North said they wouldn't sign it.

The Easter Offensive 1972 – North Vietnam planned a huge attack on the ARVN troops. 120,000 North Vietnam troops and VC crossed the border. The attack was a surprise and successful at first, but the ARVN and US air support pushed them back.

Nixon ordered planes to bomb North Vietnam under Operation Linebacker. The operation did not restrict any targets and disrupted and destroyed their communications networks, harbour and supply lines from China and the USSR. **Led to China and USSR urging North Vietnam to reach a peace deal.** Nixon promised South Vietnam more money and weapons to get them to sign. Everyone signed in 1973 and soon after all the American soldiers left.

Two years later North Vietnam attacked the South. There was **no help from America.** In **April 1975 South Vietnam surrendered to North Vietnam.**