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Schlesinger View

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A Communist takeover of Southeast Asia would not pose a serious threat to the security of the United States, says Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger.

Schlesinger, in an interview in the Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin, said "the impact of the outcome in Southeast Asia is primarily psychological" and does not

challenge the world's military balance.

Schlesinger has previously said that U.S. losses in Vietnam would to some extent hurt America's posture in international negotiations such as with the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, negotiations in the Mideast and bargaining with the Soviets.

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