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Bitter Attack By Saigon's Ambassador

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The U.S. failure to "lift a finger" to stop the Communist onslaught in Indochina is evidence that "it is safer to be an ally of the Communists and . . . fatal to be an ally of the United States," the ambassador from South Vietnam said yesterday.

Ambassador Tran Kim Phuong said the United States is losing its credibility around the world because it has failed to provide additional military aid to his country.

"I would think that the people around the world would draw only one possible conclusion . . . that is, probably, it is safer to be (an) ally of the Communists and (it) looks like it is fatal to be (an) ally of the United States," Phuong said in a taped interview on the CBS morning news.

Phuong's comments on television were the most bitter of any top level South Vietnamese official since the current Communist offensive began.

"We have evidence that 19 divisions of North Vietnamese troops are now fighting in South Vietnam," he said. . . . It is sickening for us to see that nobody lift