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I wish to point out the vulnerability inherent in diminishing our sovereignty by forming too close a relationship with the USA, a country which is notoriously unreliable in its loyalty to its erstwhile friends and allies.

The list of countries and leaders betrayed by America is long and much is well known.

For me one of the most striking examples, which impressed itself upon me in the 1960's was the way Ho Chi Minh was treated by the USA.

After being promised that, in return for his assistance against the Japanese forces in WW2, that the US would support Ho's goal of independence from the French, he was betrayed by the USA.

In one of the great tragic ironies of post WW2 history, Ho Chi Minh made the Declaration of Independence for Vietnam on September 1st 1945, quoting verbatim the words of the American Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Alas, to no avail. He, millions of Vietnamese people, and tens of thousands of American and Australian troops were subsequently slaughtered for no good reason.

The USA is not to be trusted.