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U.S. Group Lauds Response
Of Americans to Threats

The last 12 months have left
“freedom stronger and more
deeply rooted in most parts of
the world” because of the vig-
orous United States response
to threats at home and over-
seas, Freedom House reported
yesterday in its annual report.

Titled the “1965 Balance
Sheet of Freedom,” the report
said the “determination with
which the American Govern-
ment and people met the
mounting Communist threat to
South Vietnam strengthened
the forces of freedom through-
out Southeast Asia.” Despite
setbacks, the report asserted,
“1965 left a legacy of hope.”

Freedom House, which has
headquarters at 20 West 40th
Street, is a nonprofit organiza-
tion dedicated to the study and
promotion of freedom.

Communist influence, the re-
port said, declined because of
the widening breach between
Moscow and Peking, which
“not only kept these totalitarian
superpowers from effective
joint action but split local Com-

The new nations,” it added,
“became increasingly resistant
to Communist anti-Western
propaganda as they gained
first-hand experience of subver-
sion within their borders.”

The report said the pro-
gress of freedom was impeded last
year by clashes between India
and Pakistan, “The specter of
racial conflict loomed larger
over Africa,” it declared.

The report asserted that
many Latin American nations
“were still stumbling in their
search for ways to combine
economic and political sta-

majority—as shown by repeated
checks of public opinion —
swung to the support of the
Administration position in Viet-
name.”

The report was issued on be-
half of Freedom House’s board
of trustees by Dr. Harry D.
Gideon, president of the or-

Turning to the domestic
scene, the report said a “his-
toric series of new laws and
administrative measures opened
doors to broader freedoms for
all.” The United States, the
report added, was moving in the
direction of racial equality,
“even if it still had a long way
to go.”

Touching on the debate on
Vietnam by university groups,
the report asserted that “the
American people listened as
both sides mustered their argu-
ments and the overwhelming

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