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U.S. SLANDERS AGAINST CAMBODIA, DRV REFUTED

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[Text] Hanoi--The Hanoi daily NHAN DAN in a commentary today categorically refuted the fabulous story published recently in the American press according to which North Vietnamese aircraft would have landed at and taken off from airfields in Cambodia. It also branded as cynical slanders the charges made by authorized U.S. sources that 11 major Vietnamese bases had been discovered in the territory of Cambodia and there are 11 North Vietnamese divisions in Cambodia.

The paper also refuted the calumny of Harriman, representative of the U.S. Government at the current official conversations in Paris, who claimed that the DRV exports violence to Cambodia and urged that all respect the neutrality and territorial integrity of Cambodia.

After evoking the recent systematic provocative attacks and massacres committed by the United States and its Saigon puppets against the Cambodian people, the paper pointed out: The U.S. imperialists, who have brazenly violated the independence, neutrality, and territorial integrity of Cambodia and committed barbarous crimes against the Khmer people, now heap slanders against Cambodia and ask others to respect its neutrality and territorial integrity. What a cynical aggressor!

The paper pointed out that the stepping up of this systematic campaign of slanders aims at nothing other than covering the provocative and aggressive acts of the United States, seeking a pretext for new aggressive acts against Cambodia.

The paper said: The DRV Government and the Vietnamese people fully support the just stand of the Royal Government of Cambodia which categorically refuted the slanders and threats by the United States and declared its determination to hit back at all provocative and aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen.

The paper quoted the 12 August statement of the DRV Foreign Ministry as saying: The Vietnamese people firmly believe that the fraternal Khmer people, under the clear-sighted leadership of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and with the support and sympathy of progressive public opinion in the world, will certainly succeed in smashing all schemes and acts of aggression by U.S. imperialism and defending their independence, neutrality, and territorial integrity.

The paper concluded: Now, as in the past, the government and people of Vietnam respect the independence, sovereignty, neutrality, and territorial integrity of Cambodia and demand that the United States and its henchmen stop all aggressive acts against this country. Now, as in the past, we stand firmly beside the fraternal Khmer people and resolutely step up the fight against the U.S. imperialists--common enemy of the two peoples--till final victory.