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THE STATEMENT SAID: "THE DRV GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS HELD THAT
THE UNITED STATES IS THE AGGRESSOR, THEREFORE IT MUST STOP ITS
AGGRESSION, WITHDRAW ALL ITS TROOPS AND THOSE OF ITS SATELLITES
FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, PUT AN END TO ALL ITS ACTS OF WAR AGAINST
THE DRV, AND LET THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE SETTLE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS
BY THEMSELVES. THEN PEACE WILL BE RESTORED IMMEDIATELY."

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AGAINST SGBTH VIETNAM AND SENT ITS AIRCRAFT TO CONDUCT BOXQINGS
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AGGRESSORS TO OPPOSE THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE," THE STATEMENT SAID.

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A CLEAR-CUT MANNER, THE CONSISTENT STAND OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, OUTLINED THE CORRECT ATTITUDE OF OUR GOVERNMENT, AND UPHELD OUR BANNER OF INDEPENDENCE AND PEACE WHICH, SINCE IT IS ALSO THE BANNER OF JUSTICE AND TRUTH, IS WINNING THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THOUSANDS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT COLORS POLITICAL VIEWS, LANGUAGES, AND RELIGIOUS BELIEFS IN THE WORLD.

IN THE UNITED STATES, LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE, THE VARIOUS INTELLECTUAL AND RELIGIOUS CIRCLES, MANY POLITICIANS, AND MANY NEWSPAPERS ARE DEMANDING THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY PUT AN END TO THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM IN ORDER TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE VIETNAM ISSUE. MANY DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN FRONT OF THE WHITE HOUSE AND JOHNSON'S RANCH IN TEXAS WITH THE SLOGAN "STOP BOMBING NORTH VIETNAM!" RECENTLY, U.S. SENATOR ERNEST GRUENING, DEMOCRAT, ALASKA, SAID THAT SINCE THE EXPANSION OF THE U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM AND THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM, THE UNITED STATES HAD BECOME AN AGGRESSOR. 290550 MORE ERICKSON ET 29/0930Z JAN

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(UNIDENTIFIED COMMENTARY) XXX BECOME AN AGGRESSOR.

(EXT) COMMEMXARY (THIRTEEN) (AGGRESSOR. (PICKUP LINE)

FOR HIS PACT, SENATOR WAYNE MORSE, DEMOCRAT, OREGON, POINTED OUT THAT CONTINUED ESCALATION WILL LEAD US INTO A MASSIVE ASIAN WAR THAT WE CAN NEVER WIN. SENATOR MARK HATFIELD, REPUBLICAN, OREGON, CHALLENGED: THE BOMBING POLICY HAS NOT RPT NOT PROVED SUCCESSFUL, SO I ASK THE QUESTION WHY WE CONTINUE IT?

THE NEW YORK TIMES LAST TWOEIGHT 28 DECEMBER ALSO POINTED OUT: THE BOMBING HAS BECOME THE MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO NEGOTIATIONS AND DOES VAST PO

NTICAL DAMAGE TO THE UNITED STATES BOTH IN ALLIED COUNTRIES AND IN THE NONALINED WORLD.

WORLD PUBLIC OPINION HAS CEASELESSLY CONDEMNED THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS BOMBING OF THE DRV AND ITS SAVAGE RAIDS ON CIVILIAN TARGETS, AND RESOLUTELY DEMANDED THAT THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY, DEFINITELY, AND UNCONDITIONALLY PUT AN END TO THE BOMBING OF THE DRV.

COMMENTARY (FOUREEN) ... DRV. (PICKUP LINE)

THIS DEMAND HAS BECOME EVEN STRONGER SINCE THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS REPEATEDLY ATTACKED MANY POPULOUS AREAS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE HANOI--THE DRV'S CAPITAL-- AND CONTINUED ESCALATING AFTER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY. RECENTLY, CAMBODIAN HEAD OF STATE SAMDECH NORODOM SIHANOUK, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UAR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALGERIAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE, AND DANISH PRIME MINISTER JENS OTTO KRAG ALSO DEMANDED AN END TO THE BOMBING OF THE DRV BY THE UNITED STATES IN A LETTER DATED THREE ZERO 30 DECEMBER ONE NINE SIX SIX 1966 TO U.S. DELEGATE AT THE UNITED NATIONS ARTHUR GOLDBERG. U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL U THANT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE END OF THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM WAS OF FIRST AND FOREMOST IMPORTANCE.

COMMENTARY (FIFTEEN) IMISRTANCE. (PICKUP LPUE)

HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES HAS DISREGARDED ALL THESE JUST DEMANDS OF PUBLIC OPINION AT HOME AND IN THE WORLD, AND CONTINUED INTENSIFYING ITS EXCALATION IN NORTH VIETNAM AND STEPPING UP AND EXPANDING ITS AGGRESSION IN THE SOUTH. ALL THIS PROVES THAT DESPITE THEIR HEAVY DEFEATS THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS HAVE NOT YET GIVEN UP THEIR SINISTER DESIGN OF ENSLAVING OUR PEOPLE AND PARTITIONING OUR COUNTRY; INSTEAD THEY HAVE SHOWN MORE AND MORE CLEARLY THEIR EXTREME AGGRESSIVENESS.

NOW, SHOULD THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS PERSIST (IN TURNING) A DEAF EAR TO REASON, THEY WILL, AS FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH HAS SAID, FURTHER EXPOSE THEMSELVES AS OBSTINATE AGGRESSORS AND THEIR AGGRESSIVE NATURE, AND THEY WILL CERTAINLY FAIL.

COMMENTARY (SIXTEEN) (PICKUP LINE)

ROMAN THREE III--OUR PEOPLE ARE RESOLVED TO STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND PEACE (SUBHEAD--(?))

BEING VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION, ONE MUST RESIST AGGRESSION, AND AS LONG AS AGGRESSION CONTINUES, ONE MUST CONTINUE RESISTING AGGRESSION.

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CTIMS OF AGGRESSION,

543 0390)3 91 .-,6 :97,5483, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HAVE ACTED LIKEWISE WHEN FACED WITH FOREIGN AGGRESSION.

CONTINUING AND PROMOTING OUR NATION'S TRADITION OF STRUGGLE

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AGAINST FOREIGN INVASION, OUR PEOPLE WILL NEVER SUBMIT TO THE U.S. AGGRESSORS. IN THE PAST, UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, OUR PEOPLE DEFEATED THE JAPANESE FASCISTS

AND DEFEATED THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS. AT PRESENT, CONDITIONS AT HOME AND ABROAD ARE FAR MORE FAVOURABLE TO OUR PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE: OUR THREEONE 31 MMILLION COMPATRIOTS ARE UNITED AS ONE, THEY HAVE A CORRECT LINE, INVINCIBLE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES, WITH THE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF THE FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND OUR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

COMMENTARY (SEVENTEEN) A WORLD. (PICKUP LINE)

GIVING FULL PLAY TO OUR PREVIOUS VICTORIES, OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE ARE OF ONE MIND TO OVERCOME ALL DIFFICULTIES AND HARDSHIPS AND RESOLUTELY FULFILL THE NATION'S GLORIOUS HISTORIC MISSION: TO DEFEAT THE U.S. AGGRESSORS.

OUR PEOPLE IN THE NORTH ARE DETERMINED TO DEVOTE WITH THEIR MIGHT AND MAIN TO STEPPING UP PRODUCTION AND FIGHTING, AND CONSOLIDATING AND STRENGTHENING THE SOCIALIST NORTH IN ALL FIELDS. ~~ESTABLISHING THEIR POWER IN THE NORTH~~ IN THE NORTH ARE RESOLVED TO CARRY OUT TO THE FULLEST THE NOBLE TASK OF SERVING AS THE GREAT REAR AREA TO THE GREAT FRONT

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FOR THEIR PART, OUR HEROIC AND INDOMITABLE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH--WHO HAVE WON GREATER VICTORIES AND BECOME STRONGER THE MORE THEY FOUGHT--HAVE PERFORMED GLORIOUSFEATS OF ARMS, WORTHY OF THE TITLE THE IRON WALL OFTHE FATHERLAND.

COMMENTARY (EIGHTEEN LAST) FATHERLAND. (PICKUP LINE)

THE FOURZEROZEROZEROZEROZERO 400,000 U.S. TROOPS, THE SEVERAL TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SATELLITE TROOPS, AND THE 500,000 FIVEZEROZEROZEROZEROZERO-ODD PTAPPET TROOPS HAVE FAILED TO SAVE THE U.S. IMPERIW ISTS FROM THZVR SETBACKS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. EVEN IF THEY SENT FIVEZEROZEROZEROZEROZERO 500,000 U.S. TROOPS OR MORE TO SOUTH VIETNAM, QE U.S. IMPERIALISTSHOULD NEVER SHAKE OUR PEOPLE'S IROHXWILL AND DETERMINATION TO RESIST U.S. AGGRESSIONKG AND SAVE THEIR COUNTRY, NOGBAVOID HEAVIER DEFEATS.

WHEN THE SOUTH CALLS, THE NORTH RESPONDS, AND WHEN KE NORTH CALLS, THE SOUTH SPRINGS FORWARD. WHATEVER THEIR SCHEMES.I 5#"(7.S. AGGRESSORS CAN NEVER SPLIT THE ROCKLIKE BLOC OF SOLIDARITY ANDIDIDIMEGETREOFHKEEQGGMUNNDEL I

OF THE COMMAND OFTHE SOUTH VIETNAM LIBEGETION ARMED FORCES, EARLY JANUARY ONENINESIXSEVEN 1967--VNA ED.). FIGHTING FOR THEIR FUNDAMENAL NATIONAL RIGHTS AND THE CAUSE OX EACE, THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, STRONG WITH THEIR SOLIDARITY, WITH THEIR SHINING JUSTICE AND THEIR GROWING PRESTIGE AND FORCES, WILL CERTAINLY BE VICTORIOUS. 290550 ENDALL ERICKSON ET 29/1000Z JAN

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THE STATEMENT READS IN FULL; ON 32 THREEONE DECEMBER, 1966 NINETEEN SIXSIX, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY GEORGE BROWN APPEALED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DRV, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION TO MEET TOGETHER IMMEDIATELY TO ARRANGE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

BROWN TRIED TO PRESENT THE INITIATIVE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AS ONE PROCEEDING FROM A GENUINE DESIRE FOR PEACE, BUT THIS INITIATIVE STILL PROVES TO BE AN ACT FULL OF MALICIOUS INTENTION AIMED AT SERVING THE DARK DESIGNS OF THE U.S. AGGRESSORS.

IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS DISPATCHED A U.S. EXPEDITIONARY ARMY TO COMMIT DIRECT AGGRESSION AGAINST SOUTH VIETNAM, AND AT THE SAME TIME IS BRAZENLY SENDING AIRCRAFT TO CONDUCT DAILY BOMBINGS AND STRAFINGS IN THE DRV IN GROSS VIOLATION OF THE 1954 NINETEEN FIVEFOUR GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM AND ALL NORMS

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OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

THE UNITED STATES IS THE AGGRESSOR, THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE THE VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION. HOWEVER, PUTTING THE AGGRESSOR ON A PAR WITH THE VICTIM OF AGGRESSION, BOROWN CALLED ON THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO MEET AND DISCUSS IMMEDIATELY THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES WITHOUT URGING THE UNITED STATES TO STOP ITS AGGRESSION AND WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM AND TO END UNCONDITIONALLY AND DEFINITELY THE BOMBING AND ALL OTHER ACTS OF WAR AGAINST THE DRV. IT IS CLEAR THAT BROWN HAS TAKEN THE SIDE OF THE U.S. AGGRESSORS TO OPPOSE THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM OF WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, COCHAIRMAN OF THE 1954 NINETEEN FIVEFOUR GENEVA CONFERENCE, SHARES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IMPEMENTATION.

IN HIS PROPOSAL, BOROWN COMPLETELY IGNORED THE NFLSV AND AS SUCH, HAS REVEALED ALL THE MORE CLEARLY THE MALICIOUS INTENTION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT THE PRESENT WAR IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS OPPOSING THE U.S. AGGRESSORS AND THEIR LACKEYS ON ONE SIDE TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WITH THE NFLSV AS THEIR ONLY GENUINE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE OTHER (SENTENCE AS RECEIVED). ~~THUS~~, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TO END THE WAR IN SOUTH VIETNAM WITHOUT TALING

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WITH THE NFLSV.

AT PRESENT, PUBLIC OPINION IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, IS ENERGETICALLY PROTESTING AGAINST THE AGGRESSIVE WAR OF THE UNITED STATES IN VIETNAM AND DEMANDING THAT THE UNITED STATES , WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS AND THOSE OF ITS SATELLITES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, NEGOTIATE WITH THE NFLSV, (AND--ED.) DEFINITELY END THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM. IT IS, AT THE SAME TIME, EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT FOR THE FOUR-POINT STAND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DRV AND THE FIVE-POINT STATEMENT OF THE NFLSV.

THE WILSON GOVERNMENT SAID THAT IT WILL DO ALL IT POSSIBLY CAN TO HELP BRING THE WAR IN VIETNAM TO AN END. BUT IT HAS OBVIOUSLY RUN COUNTER TO THE COMMON ASPIRATION OF THE WORLD PEOPLE AND REHASHED THE SHOPWORN TUNE OF UNCONDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION. ITS PROPOSAL IS NOT RPT NOT AIMED AT EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE VIETNAM QUESTION, BUT AT LENDING A HAND TO THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS IN THEIR AGGRESSION.

SO FAR, THE POLICY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON THE VIETNAM QUESTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST THE UNITED STATES, LET THE LATTER USE HONG KONG IN THE SERVICE OF THE AGGRESSIVE WAR IN VIETNAM, AND OPENLY APPROVE THE CRIMINAL WAR ESCALATION BY THE UNITED STATES.

AT PRESENT, THE UNITED STATES IS LAUNCHING A NEW PEACE CAMPAIGN

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UNDER NEW WILY MANEUVERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE AND SOO THE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AND PREPARE FOR FURTHER INTENSIFICATION OF THE AGGRESSIVE WAR IN VIETNAM. BY CALLING FOR PEACE AT THIS JUNCTURE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS PRECISELY DANCING TO THE TUNE OF THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THE LATTER MAY TAKE NEW, MORE SERIOUS STEPS OF WAR ESCALATION.

IN LAUNCHING A PEACE APPEAL, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ALSO AIMS TO COPE WITH THE BROAD OPINION IN BRITAIN WHICH IS STRONGLY OPPOSING THE U.S. AGGRESSIVE WAR AND RESOLUTELY URGING THE WILSON GOVERNMENT TO GIVE UP ITS POLICY OF SUPPORTING THIS WAR AND UNAMIBIGUOUSLY CONDEMN THE U.S. BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM. THIS APPEAL IS NOTHING SHORT OF A TRICK TO SOOTHE THE INDIGNATION AMONG THE PEOPLE AND MANY POLITICAL CIRCLES IN BRITAIN AT THE POLICY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO TAIL AFTER THE UNITED STATES.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER BROWN MADE HIS PEACE PROPOSAL, WORLD PUBLIC OPINION POINTED OUT THAT THIS IS ONLY A MANEUVER TO SUPPORT THE U.S. AGGRESSORS IN VIETNAM AND COPE WITH THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE WILSON ADMINISTRATION IS FACING AT HOME. THIS PROPOSAL RUNS COUNTER TO THE INTERESTS OF A GENUINE PEACE, AND IS AN IMPERMISSIBLE, VICIOUS ACT.

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STATES IS THE AGGRESSOR; THEREFORE IT MUST STOP ITS AGGRESSION, WITHDRAW ALL ITS TROOPS AND THOSE OF ITS SATELLITES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, PUT AN END TO ALL ACTS OF WAR AGAINST THE DRV, AND LET THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE SETTLE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS BY THEMSELVES. THEN PEACE WILL BE RESTORED IMMEDIATELY. 040206 ERICKSON YC 04/0257Z JAN