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NFLSV STATEMENT DENIES VC BASE IN CAMBODIA

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[Statement of the NFLSV Central Committee]

[Text] On 29 October 1967 the U.S. paper DAILY NEWS printed a lie claiming that the U.S. Government had just discovered a new Viet Cong base on Cambodian territory. On 19 November, on U.S. orders, the puppet Saigon administration sent a note to the United Nations in which it flagrantly and slanderously accused Cambodia of supporting the NFLSV's activities on Cambodian territory. On 20 November, after making slanderous accusations against Cambodia, the U.S. State Department spokesman menacingly said that the United States is very concerned that Cambodian territory has been used as a Viet Cong sanctuary. Recently the ringleader of the puppet Saigon administration, Nguyen Van Thieu, insolently declared that his clique has a right to hotly pursue the enemy across the Cambodian border.

It is obvious that all this constitutes slanderous accusations, a vile and shameless threat of aggression, and a systematic campaign arranged by the U.S. imperialists and the puppet Saigon administration with a view to carrying out their dark scheme to prepare for an expansion of the war of aggression from South Vietnam to Cambodia and to oppose the independence and neutrality of the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia. As everyone knows, along with stepping up their war of aggression in South Vietnam and all over the country, the U.S. imperialists, together with their lackeys in Saigon and Thailand, have continuously launched provocative military attacks against Cambodia, have intruded into Cambodian territory, and have inflicted considerable human and material losses on the Khmer people.

By crying "stop thief" while engaging in acts of robbery, the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys have incessantly conducted campaigns to slanderously accuse and threaten Cambodia in an attempt to cover up their own crimes and their schemes. Their aggressive acts and slanderous arguments have been repeatedly exposed, refuted, and condemned by progressive public opinion. At the present time when they have sustained serious defeats in South Vietnam, the U.S. imperialists and the puppet Saigon administration have again made slanderous accusations against Cambodia and the NFLSV. This shows that they are stubbornly and feverishly carrying out their dark scheme to prepare the ground for expanding their aggressive acts to Cambodia and all over the Indochinese region.

The NFLSV exposes this dark scheme of the U.S. imperialists before progressive public opinion throughout the world and indignantly condemns the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys who have incessantly and grossly violated the sacred national rights of the Khmer people and have seriously violated the 1954 Geneva agreements on Indochina. The NFLSV fully agrees with the 21 and 23 November 1967 statements of the Royal Cambodian Government, which resolutely rejected the absurd, slanderous accusations made by the U.S. imperialists and the puppet Saigon administration and condemned their war expansion scheme. The NFLSV fully supports the resolute struggle of the people and government of the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia headed by Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk, against all dark schemes of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys in order to protect the independence and neutrality of Cambodia.

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Once again, the NFLSV reasserts its unalterable stand: to fully respect Cambodia's territorial integrity within existing borders. As Cambodia's comrade in arms and close neighbor, the NFLSV solemnly declares that if the Americans and their puppets venture to launch aggressive attacks against Cambodia, in close solidarity with the fraternal Khmer people, the South Vietnam armed forces and people are prepared to punish them appropriately right at the bases from which these aggressive attacks are launched.

South Vietnam, 24 November 1967.

Liberation Radio Commentary

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[Commentary: "A cheap, shameless, deceitful trick"]

[Text] During the past few days, the propaganda organs of the Americans and the Thieu-Ky clique launched a noisy propaganda campaign about the discovery of a Viet Cong base in Cambodia. Again and again they repeated the fabricated news released by the U.S. paper DAILY NEWS on 29 October. Saigon radio and the Voice of America rambled on and on about this absurd story. Military documents in Vietnamese, medicines, and pieces of paper bearing dates were found proving that the Viet Cong base had been used for months, and so forth.

They stressed the so-called concrete proof in order to make public opinion believe their story was true. But no one has been deceived for the simple reason that the world's people know only too well their vile and slanderous nature. The world's people are tired of hearing this fabricated story about the Viet Cong using Cambodian territory as a sanctuary.

As always, this fabricated story about the discovery of a Viet Cong base in Cambodia is part of their campaign to slander Cambodia in order to carry out the following dark design: to destroy the good friendly relations between the Cambodian Kingdom and the South Vietnam National Liberation Front and negate Cambodia's neutrality in order to prepare public opinion and conditions for carrying out their scheme to extend their aggressive war to Cambodia and extricate themselves from their stalemated situation on the South Vietnamese battlefield.

This plot of the U.S. imperialists is very wicked. But it will fail ignominiously. Several times the Government of the Cambodian Kingdom has rejected and severely condemned their vile slanderous tricks. ICC members and Western journalists, who have been authorized by Chief of State Prince Sihanouk to conduct on-the-spot investigations, also have concluded that stories about the Viet Cong use of Cambodian territory as a sanctuary are entirely false. These are appropriate slaps on the slanderous mouths of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys.

Although having been unmasked by the world's people time and again, the U.S. imperialists have been unable to rid themselves of their bad habits. Once again, they have brazenly invented out of whole cloth the story about the discovery of a Viet Cong base in order to [word indistinct] their dark design. As soon as they released their shameful story, the government of the Cambodian Kingdom issued a statement 21 November rejecting the false charges of the Americans who have acted contrary to all reason. The statement pointed out: The U.S. propaganda machine has devoted much effort to justifying the defeats of the U.S. aggressive forces in South Vietnam. It is obvious that their fabricated story was released at a time when they were sustaining heavy defeats throughout the South Vietnamese [word indistinct] from Tri-Thien to the fifth zone, the high plateau areas, and the Nam Bo delta.

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To avenge their humiliation, Saigon radio on 20 November said the Viet Cong used the base as a springboard to attack Loc Ninh. If this particular logic were true, the continuous attacks by the South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces along road No 9, in Quang Nam, in My Tho, in Ben Tre, and in Long An, in which thousands of U.S. troops were annihilated, would have been launched from Cambodian territory. Shelling by the People's Liberation armed forces of Thieu's Independence Palace during his inauguration farce would have come from Cambodian territory also. Even children cannot believe this.

The 21 November statement of the Government of the Cambodian Kingdom stressed: Since the patriotic forces in South Vietnam control the majority of their territory, why should they have to take sanctuary in Cambodia? Avenging humiliation by fabricating this story, the Americans have only made themselves a laughingstock before the world's people. They themselves have unmasked their vile, slanderous tricks against the Cambodian kingdom.

Our South Vietnamese people severely condemn the U.S. imperialists for having resorted to slanderous tricks with the aim of invading Cambodia, as the statement of the Cambodian Government stressed. We assert once more our unchanged stand which consists of constantly, strictly, and fully respecting the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, and neutrality of the Cambodian Kingdom. We are determined to completely defeat the U.S. aggressors. We pledge to stand side by side with the fraternal Khmer people to smash all the plots of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys aimed at expanding their war of aggression and contribute to the task of achieving and safeguarding national independence and safeguarding peace in Indochina, Southeast Asia, and the world as the Front's political program has asserted.