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(TEXT) PRINCE SIHANOUK, FORMER CHIEF OF STATE OF CAMBODIA  
NOW IN EXILE IN PEKING, ON 6 SIX APRIL ANSWERED BY TELEGRAPH  
TOKYO SHIMBUN'S QUESTIONNAIRE ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WAR

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IN INDOCHINA. THE QUESTIONNAIRE HAD BEEN SENT TO HIM  
FOLLOWING THE BEGINNING OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT  
FORCES' INCURSION INTO LAOS ON 8 EIGHT FEBRUARY. IN THIS REPLY,  
PRINCE SIHANOUK EMPHASIZED THE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) THE SOUTH  
VIETNAMESE FORCES' OPERATION IN LAOS WAS A FAILURE; B) U.S.  
PRESIDENT NIXON HAS FAILED IN HIS VIETNAMIZATION POLICY;  
C) THE FRONT OF THE 3 THREE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES WILL ATTAIN  
ULTIMATE VICTORY. THE CONTENTS OF PRINCE SIHANOUK'S  
ANSWERS TO THIS NEWSPAPER'S QUESTIONNAIRE FOLLOW:

QUESTION: THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FORCES' INCURSION  
INTO LAOS SEEMS TO HAVE SPREAD THE WAR LITERALLY ALL OVER  
THE INDOCHINA AREA. WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT  
SITUATION?

ANSWER: AS A CERTAIN INFLUENTIAL U.S. NEWSPAPER ITSELF  
HAS ADMITTED, THE NOTORIOUS MILITARY INTRUSION INTO SOUTHERN  
LAOS BY THE MERCENARY ARMY OF U.S. IMPERIALISM HAS ENDED IN TOTAL  
FAILURE. U.S. PRESIDENT NIXON ALSO DEPLOYED SEVERAL MERCENARY  
DIVISIONS OF SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH UNDER U.S. AIR COVER AGAINST  
OUR NATIONAL UNITED FRONT IN CAMBODIA, IN AN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE  
KRATIE AND STUNG TRENG, BOTH POINTS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

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ALONG A HIGHWAY LEADING TO SOUTHERN LAOS. HOWEVER, OUR  
PEOPLE'S ARMY OVERWHELMED THE ENEMY FORCES AND FORCED THEM  
BACK TO THEIR STARTING POINTS. THE 3 THREE INDOCHINESE  
PEOPLES' ARMED FORCES HAVE ALSO WON COMPLETE VICTORIES IN  
NORTHEASTERN CAMBODIA, AT THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL BATTLEFRONTS  
ALONG HIGHWAY 9 NINE IN SOUTHERN LAOS, AND AT KHE SANH IN  
SOUTH VIETNAM ALIKE.

THESE HAVE PROVED THAT U.S. PRESIDENT NIXON, THE U.S.  
FORCES, AND THE SATELLITE FORCES CAN NEVER SEPARATE THE  
3 THREE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES' FORCES OR INTERDICT THE HO CHI  
MINH TRAIL--NOR CAN THEY OVERWHELM OR WEAKEN THESE FORCES--  
AND THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S "VIETNAMIZATION" POLICY WAS A  
COMPLETE FAILURE.

QUESTION: THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AND THE U.S.  
MILITARY QUARTERS IN VIETNAM BELIEVE THAT THE WAR CAN BE  
BROUGHT TO AN END BY STRIKING AT THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL AND  
THE ADVANCE POSTS OF THE COMMUNIST FORCES. WHAT DO YOU THINK  
IN THIS CONNECTION?

ANSWER: THE U.S. AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY QUARTERS'  
ATTEMPT TO END THE INDOCHINA WAR BY REPRESSING THE 3 THREE

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INDOCHINESE PEOPLES' MILITARY RESISTANCE AND OVERTHROWING OUR REGIMES IS TOTALLY HOPELESS. THE WAR WILL CERTAINLY COME TO AN END SOME DAY. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE WITH THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF THE UNITED FRONT OF THE 3 THREE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES. NEITHER PRESIDENT NIXON NOR HIS TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAN DRIVE THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES INTO THE OCEAN OR EXPEL THEM FROM INDOCHINA.

QUESTION: HOW ABOUT YOUR POLICY TOWARD A NEW SITUATION IN INDOCHINA?

ANSWER: THE 3 THREE INDOCHINESE PEOPLES ARE DETERMINED TO CARRY ON BOTH PEOPLE'S WAR AND GUERRILLA STRUGGLES FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT WE WILL REFRAIN FROM LAUNCHING ORDINARY LOCALIZED OFFENSIVES.

WE WANT TO WIN A FINAL VICTORY OVER U.S. IMPERIALISM NOT BY LAUNCHING SUICIDAL ATTACKS BUT BY CARRYING ON A STEADY WAR WHICH IS SURE TO ACHIEVE A FINAL OBJECTIVE.

QUESTION: WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO LAUNCH AN ALL-OUT OFFENSIVE?

ANSWER: IN 1971 NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, WE PLAN TO CONTINUE TO INTENSIFY OUR STRUGGLES IN VARIOUS LOCALITIES, STRENGTHEN OUR MILITARY AND POLITICAL FOOTING IN LIBERATED AREAS, TRY

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TO RETRIEVE ENEMY--OCCUPIED AREAS ONE BY ONE BY USING THIS FIRM FOOTING, AND GRADUALLY ISOLATE CITIES WHICH ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ENEMY.

QUESTION: IS THERE ANY RELIABLE INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN LOST ON CAMBODIAN BATTLEFIELDS SINCE LAST YEAR?

ANSWER: I DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE CORRESPONDENTS. BUT I HAVE A PROFOUND SYMPATHY FOR THEM. WITH RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP. NORODOM SIHANOUK. (7 APR) GRESHAM 09/1020Z APR BT

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