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Statement of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Government of the People's Republic of China

December 13, 1970

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Government of the People's Republic of China firmly support the Appeal issued on December 10 by the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Workers' Party and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.

Imbued with sublime heroism, this solemn and just Appeal forcefully exposes the U.S. imperialist scheme for expanding the war of aggression and scathingly denounces the Nixon government for its criminal acts and gangster's logic; it solemnly calls on the armymen and people of Viet Nam to unite still more closely, fight shoulder to shoulder with the Laotian and Cambodian peoples and carry on the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation till complete victory. The Appeal fully demonstrates the iron will and heroic mettle of the 34 million Vietnamese people who have **"the firm resolve to fight and win"**.

At present, U.S. imperialism, baring its fangs and showing its claws, is running amuck in various parts of the world. But faced with numerous difficulties, the Nixon government is actually very weak. In order to satisfy the insatiable appetite of monopoly capital, it is feverishly pushing its policy of "using Asians to fight Asians" and "using Africans to fight Africans". As a result, it is making enemies for itself and receiving blows everywhere; at home, it is in the grip of grave political, economic and social crises. Of late, U.S. imperialism has carried out wanton bombing raids and made war outcries against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, and it may even embark on a reckless adventure. This in no way indicates that it is strong; on the contrary, this merely shows that it is in the throes of its deathbed struggle.

U.S. imperialism has committed monstrous crimes by dispatching hundreds of thousands of troops to south Viet Nam for naked aggression and carrying out barbarous raids and war blackmail against north Viet Nam; nevertheless, it wants to prohibit the Vietnamese people from putting up any resistance. This is indeed the height of truculence! The Democratic Republic of Viet Nam is an independent sovereign state, and it is the sacred right of the Vietnamese people to defend their motherland against encroachment. The Vietnamese nation is an integral whole, and it is the sacred duty of the people in the northern part of Viet Nam to support and assist their kinsmen in the south. The war intimidation by U.S. imperialism cannot cow the long-tempered Vietnamese people. The U.S. aggressors will surely be severely punished by the heroic Vietnamese people for any military adventure they launch.

U.S. imperialism wildly attempts to use bombs to force the Vietnamese people into submission and gain at the conference table what it cannot gain on the battlefield. This is a sheer pipe dream. In their "ten-point overall solution" and "eight supplementary points", the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam have long set forth the correct way for the settlement of the Viet Nam question. If the Nixon government really desires a "peaceful settlement" of the Viet Nam question, it must withdraw the U.S. aggressor troops and the vassal troops wholly and unconditionally from south Viet Nam and let the Vietnamese people settle their own question by themselves.

The 700 million Chinese people firmly support the Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian peoples in their struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. Any U.S. imperialist military adventure and war blackmail against the Vietnamese people or the other peoples of Indo-China are also provocations against the Chinese people and the revolutionary people of the whole world. We sternly warn U.S. imperialism: Don't misjudge the situation and miscalculate. The Vietnamese people are resolved to fight to the end, and the Chinese people, on their part, are determined to support them to the end. Should you cling to your obdurate course and dare to act recklessly, what awaits you will certainly be an even more disastrous defeat.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the Government of the People's Republic of China call upon the army and people of the whole country to maintain high vigilance, **"grasp revolution, promote production and other work and preparedness against war"**.

give full play to the spirit of proletarian internationalism and render all-out support and assistance to the Vietnamese people and the other peoples of Indo-China in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation.

People of the world, unite and defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs!

The Vietnamese people are sure to win! The people of the three countries of Indo-China are sure to win! U.S. imperialism is bound to be defeated!

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

November 24, 1970

On November 21, 1970, the U.S. aggressors flagrantly dispatched large numbers of aircraft to carry out barbarous bombings and strafings over broad areas of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. This is another new monstrous crime committed by U.S. imperialism against the Vietnamese people. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam issued a statement on the same day, serving a stern warning to U.S. imperialism and firmly demanding that the U.S. Government immediately stop all encroachments on the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. The Chinese Government and people firmly support this just stand of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the Vietnamese people.

The Chinese Government and people warmly hail the brilliant victory won by the heroic Vietnamese people in their struggle of severely punishing the U.S. air pirates.

The barbarous raids of U.S. imperialism against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam thoroughly exposed

the utter hypocrisy of its own declared statement about "stopping the bombing entirely" of north Viet Nam. The words of U.S. imperialism have never counted, particularly those of the Nixon government. Nixon has glibly talked about respecting the agreements of the two Geneva conferences concerning Indo-China and seeking "peace" in Indo-China, but has as a matter of fact been continuously expanding the war. In March this year, just a few days after he called for the restoration of Laotian neutrality, Nixon instigated Thailand accomplice troops to enter Laos and at the same time stepped up the bombing of Laotian territory, intensifying the war of aggression against Laos. In April 1969, Nixon hypocritically claimed to "recognize and respect the sovereignty, independence, neutrality and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia within its present frontiers". But in less than a year he instigated the Cambodian Rightist traitorous clique to launch the reactionary coup d'etat against Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and brazenly sent U.S. troops to invade Cambodia, expanding the war of aggression to the whole of Indo-China. Nixon has incessantly trumpeted about the wish to move from the era of confrontation to the era of negotiation, but actually what he has been doing in various parts of the world is the continuation and expansion of aggression. His so-called era of negotiation is but to cover up aggression under the camouflage of negotiation.

The Nixon government always thinks that its bombs can cow the Vietnamese people. In fact such tactics has long been known to the Vietnamese people and it amounts to nothing. The Vietnamese people's great leader President Ho Chi Minh solemnly pointed out: The U.S. imperialists "may use thousands of aircraft for intensified

attacks against north Viet Nam. But never will they be able to break the iron will of the heroic Vietnamese people to fight against U.S. aggression, for national salvation". Today the 31 million Vietnamese people, bringing into play the spirit of firm resolve to fight and win, coordinating their efforts and uniting in a common will with the fraternal Cambodian and Laotian peoples and fighting shoulder to shoulder with them, have grown ever stronger in the fight. All military adventures of U.S. imperialism will suffer ignominious defeat.

The Chinese Government and people strongly condemn U.S. imperialism for its new war provocation against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. The Chinese people are closely watching the development of the situation in Viet Nam and Indo-China. The Chinese Government reaffirms: The struggle of the peoples of Viet Nam and the other countries of Indo-China is our struggle. It is the bounden internationalist duty of the Chinese people to give all-out support and assistance to the peoples of Viet Nam and the other countries of Indo-China in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. The 700 million Chinese people armed with Mao Tsetung Thought, following our great leader Chairman Mao's teaching **"The 700 million Chinese people provide a powerful backing for the Vietnamese people; the vast expanse of China's territory is their reliable rear area"**, are determined to stand for ever with the fraternal peoples of Viet Nam and the other countries of Indo-China and unite and fight together with them till complete victory.

Resolutely Back Vietnamese People in Carrying War Against U.S. Aggression and for National Salvation to Complete Victory

Renmin Ribao (People's Daily) Editorial, December 13, 1970

The Central Committee of the Viet Nam Workers' Party and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam issued an Appeal on December 10, 1970 severely denouncing the schemes of U.S. imperialism to expand its war of aggression. It called on the entire Vietnamese army and people to unite more closely, step up the fight and carry the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation to complete victory. This Appeal fully demonstrates the iron will and heroic spirit of the 34 million Vietnamese people who are determined to strike at the U.S. aggressors, and serves as a powerful reply to U.S. imperialism's flagrant provocations and military adventures against the Vietnamese people. The Chinese people resolutely support the solemn and just stand of the Viet Nam Workers' Party and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the

just struggle of the fraternal Vietnamese people against U.S. aggression and for the reunification of their fatherland.

U.S. imperialism has suffered ignominious defeat in its war of aggression in Viet Nam. The heroic Vietnamese people, fearing neither difficulties nor sacrifices and bringing into play the infinite might of people's war, have badly battered the aggressor troops of the reputed superpower, U.S. imperialism. Unreconciled to its defeat, the Nixon government recently resorted again to barbarous air raids on the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in a deliberate attempt to expand the war of aggression. It vainly tried to frighten the Vietnamese people with shameless war blackmail. This is a sheer day-dream. As pointed out in the Appeal of the Viet Nam Workers' Party Central Committee and the D.R.V.N. Government, "Nixon and company must remember that the staunch and indomitable Vietnamese people who are fighting for a just cause, decidedly fear no threat of violence." The heroic Vietnamese army and people, who have inflicted severe punishments on the U.S. aggressors, are determined to crush any war schemes cooked up by U.S. imperialism.

Nixon once again arrogantly clamoured at the December 10 press conference that his "understanding" was that if the U.S. gangster planes intruding into the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam were fired upon, and if the United States came to the "conclusion" that the north Vietnamese people supported the south Vietnamese people, then he would order the planes to "return the fire" and order "the bombing of north Viet Nam". This is out-and-out gangster logic. Since U.S. imperialism encroaches upon the air space of the Democratic Republic

of Viet Nam, the Vietnamese people certainly have the right to self-defence. Neither Nixon's absurd excuses, nor his frantic war adventures, nor his shameless political blackmail can deprive the Vietnamese people of their sacred right of self-defence. The Vietnamese nation is a single whole. The 34 million Vietnamese people are kith and kin. So long as the U.S. aggressors hang on in south Viet Nam, the people in the north will not stop supporting their compatriots in the south. Nixon can never succeed in cutting off the intimate relation of dear brothers between the north and south Vietnamese people and hampering the support given by the great rear to the great front in the Vietnamese people's war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. Whether Nixon "understands" or not, the north and south Vietnamese people will certainly put up a joint fight to realize the testament of President Ho Chi Minh, the great leader of the Vietnamese people, and completely drive the U.S. aggressors off Vietnamese soil.

At present, an excellent revolutionary situation prevails throughout Indo-China. The wars against U.S. aggression and for national salvation waged by the people of Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos are coordinated with one another and support one another, forming a single theatre of war. The new military adventures initiated against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam by the Nixon government, which is beset with internal and external troubles, are merely its last-ditch struggles. Whatever schemes it may resort to for intensifying and expanding the war of aggression, these cannot save U.S. imperialism from defeat on the battlefield in Indo-China. The Central Committee of the Viet Nam Workers' Party and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet

Nam solemnly declared in the Appeal: "Our people are resolved to fight side by side with the brother peoples of Laos and Cambodia to drive the U.S. imperialists out of the Indo-China Peninsula." We are convinced that so long as the people of the three countries of Indo-China persevere in protracted war, this solemn historic task will surely be achieved.

Our great leader Chairman Mao has pointed out: **"The 700 million Chinese people provide a powerful backing for the Vietnamese people; the vast expanse of China's territory is their reliable rear area."** In their common struggle against U.S. imperialism, the people of China and Viet Nam have all along supported and encouraged each other. The Chinese people always regard it their bounden internationalist duty to support and assist the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. They will do all they can to support and assist the Vietnamese people till complete victory in the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation.

Shameless Blackmail

Renmin Ribao Commentator, December 7, 1970

The Nixon government has sent large numbers of planes to wantonly attack the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, and has received severe punishment for this from the heroic Vietnamese people. The Nixon government went so far as to make wild threats and use shameless blackmail against the Vietnamese people. It howled that the United States would continue to resort to "retaliation" if the Vietnamese people failed to play according to its "rules" and dared to repulse marauding U.S. planes. Piratic U.S. planes intruding into the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, a U.S. Defence Department spokesman stated on December 3, would attack first if they were radar tracked. What bluster and truculence!

If U.S. imperialism's "rules" are acted upon, it means that it has the right to send large numbers of planes to wilfully intrude and wantonly bomb the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, while the Vietnamese people have no right to counter-attack and are even denied the right to keep the marauding planes under surveillance. This is no different from the behaviour of a robber who breaks into someone's house and demands that the occupants bind their hands and shut their eyes tight while he kills and burns and commits whatever crimes he likes. This

is the height of madness and outrageous to the extreme. If these gangster "rules" of U.S. imperialism are abided by, would its piratic planes not intrude into whatever country they like, making spy flights and surprise attacks, strafing and bombing? And would the U.S. aggressors not run amuck throughout the world? If this were the case, would any country in the world be able to maintain its rights over its air space and territorial waters and safeguard its territorial integrity? And would there be any national sovereignty to speak of in the world?

The Nixon government's claim that marauding U.S. planes will attack first if they are radar tracked is actually intended as a pretext for U.S. imperialism to extend the war of aggression at any time. U.S. imperialism manufactured the "Bac Bo Gulf Incident" to spread the flames of war to north Viet Nam and later flagrantly invaded Cambodia on the pretext of destroying so-called "sanctuaries". Now it has invented a handy "theory" for expanding the war, that is, it can attack if it says its planes are under surveillance. This wild outcry fully reveals the U.S. imperialist premeditated plan to resort to new military adventures against the Vietnamese people.

U.S. imperialism thinks that with its planes, guided missiles and up-to-date weapons of various types it can bully and invade other countries at will, while they can only submit to its dictate without putting up any resistance. This is entirely a day-dream! The day has long since passed when imperialism could dominate any part of the world with its warships and guns. The struggle of the world's people to defend their national independence and state sovereignty has become an irresistible historic trend. If you attack others they have the right

to resist. If you want to kill by various kinds of weapons, others can do the same to you in self-defence. If your planes intrude into the air space of other countries, they have ways and means of shooting them down. If U.S. imperialism wants to deprive the victims of aggression of their rights to self-defence and ram its gangster "rules" down the throats of others it will only smash its head against the wall for all the people of the world to see.

Our great leader Chairman Mao has pointed out: **"U.S. imperialism, which looks like a huge monster, is in essence a paper tiger, now in the throes of its deathbed struggle."**

Badly beaten on the battlefield in Viet Nam and in a completely hopeless position, U.S. imperialism sets itself up as a gang boss and bellows that it will adopt a tougher policy against the Vietnamese people. But can this frighten anybody? U.S. imperialism has all along done what it thinks tougher, but it has only suffered even more disastrous defeats. Unable to win in south Viet Nam, U.S. imperialism wantonly bombed north Viet Nam and still could not win. Seeing itself being defeated in Viet Nam, it spread the flames of war to the whole of Indo-China with the result that it suffered even bigger defeats. Resuming the savage bombing of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in a wilful attempt to step up and expand the war of aggression, it has likewise been severely punished. In these circumstances, the Nixon government is trying to use shameless blackmail to put pressure on the Vietnamese people. Is this not absolutely ridiculous? Obviously there is nothing much to the Nixon government's so-called tougher policy. It only shows that

like a desperate gambler, it is trying to recoup its losses by gambling on until it has lost everything.

In a statement on December 5, the spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam sternly condemned U.S. imperialism's shameless blackmail and pointed out emphatically: "Nothing can shake the iron resolve of the Vietnamese people to fight for the independence and freedom of their fatherland till total victory." "All U.S. acts of encroachment upon the sovereignty and security of the D.R.V.N. will be duly punished by the Vietnamese people." The Chinese Government and people firmly support this just stand of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the Vietnamese people.

Justice is on the side of the Vietnamese people and the people of the three countries of Indo-China. The people of the world stand by them. By strengthening their unity, supporting each other and persevering in fighting, the people of Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos can certainly defeat the U.S. aggressors completely and win final victory in the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. No schemes — blackmail, adventure or expansion of the war — can save U.S. imperialism from complete defeat on the battlefield in Indo-China!

Refutation of Laird's Arrogant Ravings

Renmin Ribao Editorial, November 21, 1970

The spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of South Viet Nam issued statements on November 14 and 16 respectively, severely refuting U.S. Defence Secretary Melvin C. Laird's shameless quibble over the U.S. imperialist crime of encroaching upon the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. They sternly pointed out that all acts of resistance to the U.S. imperialist encroachments upon the sovereignty and territory of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam are the Vietnamese people's sacred right for self-defence. The Chinese people resolutely support this just stand taken by the Vietnamese people.

U.S. imperialism sent its pirate plane on November 13 to intrude into the airspace over Ha Tinh Province of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam to carry out provocations. The plane was brought down by the Vietnamese People's Army. This is a due punishment. However, Laird frenziedly clamoured that the United States would "take appropriate action in response". He even uttered the nonsense that the intrusion by the U.S. plane into the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam was "to protect the

lives" of U.S. servicemen. This is indeed arrogant to the extreme.

The Vietnamese people have neither dispatched troops to invade Florida state in the southern part of the United States, nor sent aircraft to encroach on New York state in the north. It is the United States which has dispatched hundreds of thousands of troops to occupy southern Viet Nam and sent large numbers of planes repeatedly to encroach on northern Viet Nam. What reason do the U.S. imperialists have to clamour about taking "action in response"? Laird's so-called "response" is but a synonym of persistence in and expansion of aggression. This is an out-and-out gangster logic that "aggression is justified"!

What did he mean by saying "to protect the lives of our men"? Didn't it mean "to protect the lives" of the aggressors and murderers? According to this logic of Laird, the U.S. aggressor troops may barbarously massacre the Vietnamese people with various kinds of up-to-date weapons from the air, at sea and on the ground, while the Vietnamese people can only wait for their death with folded arms. How can there be such a reasoning on earth that the U.S. aggressors allow themselves to kill people at will while the Vietnamese people, victims of aggression, are not allowed to counter-attack? To speak frankly, if the lives of the U.S. aggressors were permitted to be protected, then the lives of the Vietnamese people would not be protected. The Vietnamese people have the right to annihilate the U.S. invaders so long as the latter do not quit the land of Viet Nam.

Laird made such truculent ravings not only to cover up the U.S. imperialist crime of aggression against the Vietnamese people, but also to seek pretexts and prepare

public opinion for further expanding the war of aggression in Viet Nam and Indo-China and risking new military adventures. This is the accustomed tricks of U.S. imperialism. But, Laird's attempt to intimidate the people of Viet Nam and the other countries in Indo-China with war threats will definitely come to naught.

Chairman Mao, the great leader of the Chinese people, has pointed out: **"In the world of today, who actually fears whom? It is not the Vietnamese people, the Laotian people, the Cambodian people, the Palestinian people, the Arab people or the people of other countries who fear U.S. imperialism; it is U.S. imperialism which fears the people of the world."** No war threat or intimidation by the U.S. imperialists can shake the iron will of the people of Viet Nam and the other countries in Indo-China to carry through to the end the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation; nor can they save U.S. imperialism from its defeat on the battlefields in Viet Nam and the rest of Indo-China. Should U.S. imperialism dare to risk any fresh military adventure against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the rest of Indo-China, what awaits it can only be a more disastrous failure.

The 700 million Chinese people resolutely support the people of Viet Nam and the other countries in Indo-China in their just struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression, and pledge to be their stout backing. We are firmly convinced that final victory certainly belongs to the heroic people of Viet Nam and to the heroic people of the three countries in Indo-China.

The Vietnamese People Have Fought Splendidly!

Renmin Ribao Editorial, November 22, 1970

On November 21, U.S. imperialism sent a large number of planes on successive occasions to flagrantly intrude into the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam to make savage raids on Haiphong, Quang Ninh, Ha Tay, Hoa Binh and other areas. Fighting back valiantly, the Vietnamese army and people brought down six enemy planes and damaged many others, thus giving due punishment to the U.S. gangsters. The Vietnamese people have fought splendidly! The Chinese people extend warm greetings to the heroic Vietnamese people on their new victory in resisting the U.S. aggressors.

The U.S. air marauders' frenzied attacks against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam constitute an extremely serious act of war and are a criminal step taken by U.S. imperialism, which is caught in difficulties at home and abroad, in deliberately expanding its war of aggression in Viet Nam and Indo-China. This fully reveals the heinous features of U.S. imperialism which is aggressive by nature.

After the U.S. aggressors had committed the new crime against the Vietnamese people, U.S. Defence Secretary Laird wantonly declared that the United States was

conducting "limited duration protective reaction air strikes". He also said that this was in "response" to the downing of a U.S. piratical plane which intruded into the air space of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam on November 13. This is really the height of impudence!

It is a predatory act pure and simple for U.S. imperialism to send its planes to intrude into the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam; the Vietnamese people of course have every right to strike back. But now on the pretext of "protecting" its predatory acts, U.S. imperialism has carried out air raids on an ever larger scale. According to this logic, U.S. imperialism is free to commit aggression but the Vietnamese people cannot strike back, otherwise it will continuously make so-called "responses". Doesn't this mean that as long as the victims of aggression dare to resist, U.S. imperialism will continue its aggression indefinitely?

More ridiculous is that Laird tried to conceal U.S. imperialism's crimes of aggression with his so-called "limited duration". Aggression is aggression; how can it be anything other than aggression because of "limited duration"? The fact is that U.S. imperialism has sent tens of thousands of planes and carried out wanton bombings against the land of Viet Nam for many years. How can this be called "limited duration"! U.S. imperialism always describes its aggression as "limited" while actually expanding it without limit. U.S. imperialism once termed its war of aggression against Viet Nam as a "limited war", but hasn't it now expanded this war to the whole of Indo-China?

The U.S. imperialist new war provocations against the Vietnamese people have thoroughly exploded the fraud of Nixon's so-called "new proposals for peace in

Indo-China". From this people can see more clearly that Nixon's muttering about "ceasing firing their weapons" in Indo-China, "ending the fighting throughout Indo-China" and letting the people of the United States and the world "enjoy a generation of peace" are nothing but a smokescreen to cover up the U.S. imperialist expansion of the war of aggression in Indo-China. U.S. imperialism has further torn off its mask of "peace". This will certainly give a greater impetus to the American people's just struggle against Nixon's reactionary rule and bring about a greater upsurge in the angry tide of struggle of the people throughout the world against the U.S. aggressors.

Having suffered disastrous setbacks on the battlefields in Viet Nam and the whole of Indo-China, U.S. imperialism is trying to extricate itself from defeat by resorting to peace frauds. And when its peace fraud goes bankrupt, it again turns to a new war adventure. Its barbarous air raids on the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam show precisely that it is at the end of its tether. The Nixon government is now bogged down in inextricable difficulties and all its desperate struggles are of no avail.

The Foreign Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in its statement of November 21 severely warned U.S. imperialism: "The Vietnamese people are resolved to punish the U.S. imperialists for any encroachment on the sovereignty and security of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and to smash all other adventurous acts of theirs. No hysterical action, no insolent threat of the U.S. imperialists can shake the iron determination of the Vietnamese people to persevere in and step up the fight against U.S. aggression and for na-

tional salvation so as to liberate the south, defend the north, and proceed to the peaceful reunification of the fatherland." The Chinese people firmly support this just stand of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the Vietnamese people.

The great leader of the Chinese people Chairman Mao has taught us: **"The 700 million Chinese people provide a powerful backing for the Vietnamese people; the vast expanse of China's territory is their reliable rear area."** We have always regarded the struggle of the Vietnamese people and the other peoples of Indo-China as our own struggle. We firmly and unswervingly stand together with the Vietnamese people and the other peoples of Indo-China, and resolutely support them in carrying their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation through to the end. We firmly believe that, confronted by the heroic people of the three countries in Indo-China who are united in battle, all the U.S. imperialist war adventures are doomed to failure. The just struggle of the three peoples in Indo-China against the U.S. aggressors will surely win final victory!

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