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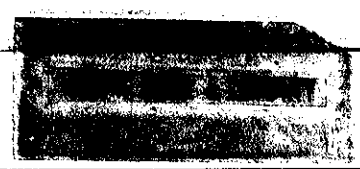
As I understand it, the Cabinet
acted definitively on Vietnamese
mobilization.

The 18 and 19 year olds are
obscure in this communique. I'll find
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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE FROM THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
WAS MONITORED BY FBIS FEB. 11 FROM SAIGON RADIO (FBIS TRANSLATION):

QUOTE TO MEET THE NATIONAL DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS DURING THE
EMERGENCY SITUATION OF THE COUNTRY, THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM'S

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ARMED FORCES MUST BE RAPIDLY REINFORCED AND STRENGTHENED
NUMERICALLY WITHIN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. TO ANSWER THE
NEEDS OF THE WAR SITUATION, THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
MADE THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

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1) TO CALL TO THE COLORS ALL VETERANS BELONGING TO VARIOUS ARMY BRANCHES AND SERVICES, FROM 33 YEARS OLD DOWNWARD, THAT IS, BORN DURING AND AFTER 1935, AND HAVING SERVED IN THE ARMY FOR LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, REGARDLESS OF THE YEAR OF THEIR DEMOBILIZATION. THEY MUST REPORT FOR RE-ENLISTMENT BETWEEN FEBRUARY 15 AND MARCH 15, 1968. THOSE WHO REPORT BEFORE FEBRUARY 29 WILL HAVE A CHOICE OF THE UNIT AND PLACE OF SERVICE WHERE THE NUMBER OF TROOPS MUST BE INCREASED AND MAY REJOIN THEIR FORMER ARMY BRANCHES AND SERVICES.

2) TO CALL ON VETERANS ABOVE 33 YEARS OF AGE TO EARNESTLY AND VOLUNTARILY REJOIN THE ARMY. IF THEY VOLUNTEER TO RE-ENLIST, THEY CAN CHOOSE TO BE ASSIGNED TO THEIR FORMER UNITS AND ORGANS.

3) TO ALLOW THE VETERANS WHO ARE ORDERED TO REJOIN THE ARMY TO REPORT TO SECTORS, SERVICE GARRISONS, REGIMENT COMMAND

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HEADQUARTERS, OR PARENT UNITS FROM THE REGIMENTAL LEVEL UPWARD, WITHIN THIS DEADLINE AND TO CARRY WITH THEM THEIR INDIVIDUAL MILITARY BOOK OR DEMOBILIZATION CERTIFICATE. VETERANS WHO ARE NOW WORKING IN THE ARMY UNITS AND ORGANS AS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES CAN REPORT FOR RE-ENLISTMENT TO THEIR PRESENT OFFICES.

4) AFTER THE AFOREMENTIONED DEADLINE, ALL VETERANS 33 AND UNDER WHO FAIL TO REPORT FOR RE-ENLISTMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED INSUBORDINATE AND WILL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED ACCORDING TO LAW.

WITH THE RELEASE OF THIS COMMUNIQUE, THE DEFENSE MINISTRY'S COMMUNIQUE OF DECEMBER 15, 1967, IS CANCELLED. UNQUOTE

COMMENT: THIS COMMUNIQUE GIVES EFFECT TO THE MOBILIZATION MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT THIEU IN HIS FEBRUARY 9 MESSAGE TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE DEFENSE MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE OF DECEMBER 15, REFERRED TO ABOVE, DEALT WITH THE POSTPONEMENT OF DEMOBILIZATION OF SERVICEMEN; IT IS NOW SUPERSEDED BY THE PRESENT COMMUNIQUE.
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