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TRUE ASPECT OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM.

THE CONFESSIONS OF

THREE US PRISONERS OF WAR:

- CLAUDE D. Mc. CLURE.
- GEORGE EDWARD SMITH
- KENNETH M. ROKBACK. [sic]

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TO OFFICERS AND SERVICEMEN IN

SOUTH VIETNAMESE PUPPET ARMED FORCES.

The US aggressors' crimes towards our people have become so mountainous that the water from any river can not wash away their cruelties which have spread throughout our country from the cities to the rural areas. It was not only our people who were the victims of suffering and mourning caused by North American devil troops and their lackeys. There were also hundreds and hundreds of South Vietnamese officers and servicemen that lost their lives in the war of aggression.

They proudly established the Joint General Staff. In reality it was a Headquarters of Aggression. They directly ordered South Vietnamese officers and servicemen into the war to die instead of themselves. They enlarged the war of aggression in our country. Now they dare to fire at youths, students and people's demonstrations in Đà Nẵng. They also fire at the troops who support the people's struggle. They audaciously consider themselves the masters of the so-called Republic of Vietnam and as the founders of a group of henchmen who betrayed their country but always assumed the name of national revolution. They were uncovered by wickedness and cruelty.

Nguyễn Khánh and his lackeys were not ashamed of their slavery. They even shamelessly praised and flattered their masters as "benefactors", Allies and Friends of the so-called Republic of Vietnam.

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In spite of their cunning tongues, they could not deceive anyone. Their crimes were as plain as a pikestaff.

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While the very benefactors confessed their crimes, their lackeys did their best to excuse their masters. It was a furious thrashing for Washington and their men in Saigon.

Now let's read these following impressions provided by the aggressors who were captured by the Liberation Armed Forces during the operation at Hiep Hoa Training Center on 24 November 1963. They sent their statements to Eastern Front Committee, expressed their regret to our people and asked for forgiveness.

The statement of POW: CLAUDE D. McCLURE RA: 14703075, Sergeant, Special Forces, born on 25 November 1940 at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"I think that the United States policy and actions in South Vietnam have been causing great damage to the United States. This damage will continue if the US keeps on carrying out her policy against the Vietnamese's will. Our people will bear pain and hardship for our lost men and the US will lose everything if it continues to rely on the power of the "Free World".

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US policy and actions in SVN are destroying its own country. They lose the spirit and respect of all countries in the world. They also lose their young men who were deceived as they tried to protect this nonsensical policy. There are many families suffering from the separation. Millions of US tax dollars were wasted for weapons and equipment in order to take away the rights of the South Vietnamese people. As a POW, I lost my liberty and I also endured the losses of my people. Only the US traders that sell weapons and the enterprises that produce materials and equipment for war are enjoying the interest of this policy and the US activities in South Vietnam.

The South Vietnamese people did not benefit from US assistance because US henchmen were assigned to be heads of the people. The lackeys' troops that were supported by the US acted illegally against South Vietnamese people who simply want a democratic government. It is evident that the support to Vietnam is preventing the progress of South Vietnamese

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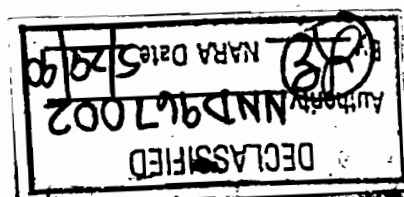
people. Whatever the US government has done for Vietnam caused this lack of progress.

In this non-declaration of war, the very culprit is the United States. This war does not bring any benefit to South Vietnam. Some matters that have been carried out seemed profitable to the Vietnamese people. In fact, it only caused harm to them because it drew them close to the appointed lackeys.

The US activities in South Vietnam have caused a great deal of damage to the South Vietnamese people. These activities lasted with much misery, prevented progress and denied the freedom of the South Vietnamese people.

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US aircraft strafed the villages, destroyed the crops and caused a great deal of damage to Vietnamese property. The South's government soldiers, who were trained by the Americans, launched attacks on Villages where the people did not profit from this cruel government. These actions urged patriots in South Vietnam to rise up and take arms to fight for their rights, regain freedom and establish a democratic government. I think that the fight of the South Vietnamese people and the National Liberation Front, South Vietnam, against the American aggressors, was for a just cause.

My duty in South Vietnam was considered dirty and guilt-ridden. It brought misfortune to me and the South Vietnamese people. Through my

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crimes (I mortared Rach Nhum and other places) I opposed the Vietnamese people. I have destroyed their property and probably their lives and have caused mourning for the South Vietnamese people. I am very sorry for the mournful scene that I and other Americans have caused. I begged God for forgiveness. I wish and hope that the National Liberation Front, South Vietnam, and the South Vietnamese people, will forgive me.

The day I was captured, US fighter planes had fiercely attacked the Revolutionary troops. When we crossed an open field, the aircraft strafed and dropped Napalm bombs around us. They completely destroyed the rice-fields and caused damage to the upper gardens. Another day, I stayed in a small inhabited village. Before twilight, the aircraft flew around the area to search for revolutionary troops. Hearing the sound of aircraft, I thought that they would not raid this area because there were only women and children living there. I was wrong. The most miserable scene occurred before my eyes. I was filled with sadness and pain. I began to hate myself because I was one of the pilots [sic] who had caused that tearful scene. I have seen many poor children whose faces were pale,

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bathed in tears, crying while running to find a shelter. I have also seen a poor, frightened, young mother, squeezing her child tightly in her arms and running for a shelter, hoping that they might avoid the furious attack of the aircraft.

Since then, my heart has been low at the thought of that depressing sight.

CLAUDE D. McCLURE.

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Statement of a POW, GEORGE EDWARD SMITH
RA:1352780 [sic] born on 21 March 1939, at CHESTER [sic] OHIO.

"In reality, I did not see anything that the US government did that was useful for the Vietnamese people. It only caused damage to them.

The worst was that they made war against the South Vietnamese people

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Since I first arrived in Vietnam, I thought that I was doing some good for the Vietnamese people, but I did not realize at the time that besides doing my duty as a medic, I was also a US aggressor, ready to kill every one. I also did not realize that I was helping to implement a plan

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of psy-war to influence the people to think well of Americans. In reality, the Americans want to gather all the population into strategic hamlets. As I said, I was a US aggressor, ready to kill the people as ordered, or guide a detachment unit to open a counter-operation to a village and make the people suffer. Many soldiers like me have participated in this cruelty. We said that we came here "to guide the puppet soldiers in destroying the people". I was ashamed of my duty in Vietnam. It was clear that I caused more damage to them than I did good. I assisted the United States in committing such crimes. I can say that I actually participated in bad actions which have been carried out.

I have seen a lot of suffering caused by US actions in Vietnam. I had no interest in seeing this or being reminded of such sinful actions. I have to make expiation for causing such pain. I saw a woman and her baby suffering from serious burns. Her baby was about one month old. It might be dead from its serious condition. Both were wounded by a mortar shell while in their house. Another time, I saw a woman with two babies. One of the babies was just born. They were wounded by the fire power of Diem's soldiers, while the Diem government always said that it fired only at the Viet-cong. One day, Diem's soldiers forced two old men to clear obstacles

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on a path that was planted with booby traps. This action caused both of them to be wounded. The older was dead a few hours later. When I was captured there was a village which underwent bombing and firing all day long. I was far from it so I couldn't see the damage, but there were probably many people killed and wounded-including women and children. I also saw that the machineguns were fired unceasingly from my camp into an area regardless of the population or anything else. I feel painful resentment toward the war. I also did not realize at that time that the US government and I had committed such a crime. At this time I feel angry with the US government which has caused this suffering and made me a part of it. I regret to have had it happen. I was very emotional when reading the book "North of the 17th parallel" by WILLEED BURCHEL [sic]. I studied a great deal about the Vietnamese people. The book tells how they strived to overcome hardships and drive away the French aggressors. The book describes the tactics that they used to defeat their enemy. Now the North Vietnamese people are in happiness and freedom. The Southern people are still suffering from fighting against the US aggressors and their puppet government. Based on the principle of law, let them have their own country back. Let

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them choose their own government. There is nothing worse than war. The US government caused damnable crimes against the will of the Americans and the Vietnamese people. This should be ended soon. I was like any other US soldier who shelled Vietnamese villages or launched attacks on

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hamlets. I was medical corpsman. I could kill them or cure them. I was an element of the US troops who are doing evil in South Vietnam, so I was in the same situation as them. I did not understand the specific situation in South Vietnam before I was sent to this country. In any event, I am here now so I have to bear my share of the crime. I have caused the Vietnamese people much suffering. I was guilty of causing the death of Vietnamese people. Now may I ask your pardon for all of those wrongdoings.

For many years, the US government has concealed from the American people their true actions. Now they cannot deny my words which come from one who has seen and heard it.

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The statement of POW: KENNETH M. ROKABACK [sic],
RA:12322146, Master Sergeant, Special Forces, born on
9 February 1932 in New York.

"I have always tried to study the essence of US actions and even my own in South Vietnam in order to have appropriate appreciation for operations according to my conscience. I failed; I wonder why the US government and troops have decided to assist South Vietnam by supporting a demoralized government which oppresses the people. They forced the populace to leave their homes and they put them in strategic hamlets. Others, staying on their own farms, will be considered targets for bombardment without differentiation between the people and our government troops [sic]. Although there were some measures that seemed to be properly carried out in reality, these measures are nothing compared with previous cruel actions. The actions of the United States government in South Vietnam only bring about a protracted war and increases the suffering and dying of the people. The US gained nothing by such actions. I served in Vietnam not because of Vietnamese or Americans. I served in Vietnam to perform my duty as my responsibility required. I do not think that what I did in Vietnam was

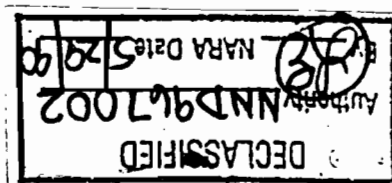
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useful for the Vietnamese people or the Americans or myself. I was sent to Vietnam, I was captured and I became a prisoner of war. I caused deep pain for my wife, children and my relations. I just consider myself a sinner who committed sin by doing his duty.

In this war, I wonder if the ones who are fighting for a just cause here are fighting for the same principles that our forefathers fought for in the US Dollars Revolution? [sic]. The members of the National Liberation front, South Vietnam, did not want to be oppressed. They want to offer their lives to serve and establish an independent country. Modern history proves clearly that they have the capacity to win. During the 7 months that I have been a prisoner of the National Liberation front South Vietnam, I have seen their highly determined spirit and their wonderful humanity. These characteristics are only found in such people. I will be grateful all of my life and I have even felt happy while a prisoner. Their good care, medical supplies, and chiefly their attention in supporting the daily requirements have proved their sense of justice and humanity.

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"The humanity" of the members of the National Liberation front of South Vietnam helped me better understand the weak points of the United States and Diem governments; chiefly their attack on the people without pity, I have seen this happen at least once. Just once was enough to prove their actions. That was the day after I was captured. While I was held in a camp near the Delta, several helicopters launched a rocket attack on that camp. Then some other aircraft attacked with machineguns. I ran out of the camp and into an underground trench where I found 2 children, about 3 or 4 years old. They reminded me of my own children, (for they are about the same age as my children) of whom I don't have any news. I think that I will never allow myself to take part in such cruel actions. I feel deeply sorry and shameful for that crime. Not only for myself but for all my people. I think that I myself should not participate in or support such cruelty. I knew that because of my presence in South Vietnam as an American soldier with the mission of radio operator, I was not involved in those inhumane actions. I feel that I am just as guilty as the pilots of those aircraft.

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