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MOST U.S. TROOPS TO BE REPLACED IN 1970: PRESIDENT THIEU (802)

SAIGON -- THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS DETERMINED TO REPLACE MOST OF THE U.S. COMBAT UNITS IN ITS TERRITORY IN 1970, PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU DECLARED OCTOBER 6.

PRESIDENT THIEU ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT FREE-WORLD MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM MUST CONTINUE "AS LONG AS THE COMMUNISTS AGGRESSORS FROM THE NORTH STILL REMAIN ON THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM."

HE SAID, "AS LONG AS A PEACE WITH GUARANTEES HAS NOT YET BEEN RESTORED IN VIETNAM AND A NEW COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IS STILL THREATENING IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, I THINK THAT UNDER WHATEVER FORM, THE FREE WORLD FORCES SHOULD REMAIN IN THIS LAND."

IN A MAJOR POLICY SPEECH DELIVERED BEFORE A JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, PRESIDENT THIEU ALSO CALLED UPON THE FREE WORLD FOR SUPPORT AGAINST COMMUNIST RESISTANCE TO MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS AT THE PARIS PEACE TALKS.

HE REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO "SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH GOODWILL TO END THE WAR" ON "ANY PROBLEM, INCLUDING THE

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PROBLEM OF A CEASE-FIRE."

PRESIDENT THIEU SAID THAT THE "COMMUNISTS WILL CERTAINLY RESPOND IF THE FREE WORLD ONCE AND FOR ALL SHOWS UNITY IN ITS THINKING AND CONCRETE ACTIONS." "YOU AND I MUST NOT RPT NOT LET THE COMMUNISTS BE STUBBORN," HE SAID. "WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT LET THEM SIT INDEFINITELY AND WAIT FOR THE PRESSURE TO RISE AND THUS CREATE MORE DIFFICULTIES FROM WITHIN OURSELVES AND BETWEEN OURSELVES, BECAUSE IT WILL WEAKEN THE POTENTIAL NOT RPT NOT ONLY OF A NATIONAL BUT ALSO OF THE ENTIRE FREE-WORLD"

PRESIDENT THIEU ASSERTED THAT THE FREE WORLD DOES NOT RPT NOT LACK THE MEANS FOR ATTAINING PEACE IN VIETNAM, BUT THAT IT "LACKS DETERMINATION" IN FACE OF THE COMMUNISTS' UNWILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS MEANINGFUL PEACE PROPOSALS.

THE COMMUNISTS "SIT AT THE NEGOTIATIONS TABLE IN PARIS PRIMARILY TO MAKE PROPAGANDA, PRIMARILY TO SAVE NORTH VIETNAM FROM BEING BOMBED, IN ORDER TO RECONSOLIDATE AND MAINTAIN THEIR REAR BASE FOR AGGRESSION, AND NOT RPT NOT TO TALK ABOUT PEACE," PRESIDENT THIEU SAID.

THE COMMUNISTS' TACTICS IN PARIS ALSO REFLECT THEIR WEAKENED FIGHTING POTENTIAL, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT ADDED.

"I SAY THAT THE COMMUNISTS CANNOT RPT NOT DO MORE IN INCREASNG THEIR MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT WE ARE INCREASINGLY EXTENDING OUR FULL CONTROL ON THE TERRITORY AND MANPOWER WHILE THEY HAVE SUFFERED SEVERE LOSSES," PRESIDENT THIEU REPORTED. "JJTHUS, EVEN IF THEY WANT TO, THEY CANNOT RPT NOT MAINTAIN FOREVER THE LEVEL AND THE INTENSITY OF THEIR MILITARY ACTIONS AS IN THE PAST."

HE NOTED THAT COMMUNIST CASUALTIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM TOTALED 213,705 RPT 213,705 IN 1968 AND 151,870 RPT 151,870 SO FAR THIS YEAR IN SIX RPT SIX "SEPARATE AND WEAK OFFENSIVES."

PRESIDENT THIEU SAID THAT, NONETHELESS, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE CARRIED OUT 1,400 RPT 1,400 HOSTILE ACTIONS THIS YEAR IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. HALF OF THESE WERE "WANTON SHELLINGS" INTO POPULATED AREAS AND 10 RPT 10 PERCENT WERE TERRORIST ACTS. THE COMMUNISTS HAVE KILLED, WOUNDED OR KIDNAPED. 62,179 RPT 62,179 SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, HE ADDED.

THESE FACTS CONTRADICT THE COMMUNISTS' CLAIMS THAT THEY ARE REDUCING THE INTENSITY OF THEIR WAR-RELATED ACTIVITIES AND THAT THEY ARE SHOWING GOODWILL, PRESIDENT THIEU DECLARED.

IN CONTRAST, HE SAID, THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND ITS ALLIES HAVE A POLICY THAT FAVORS "FRANK DISCUSSIONS IN A PEACE-LOVING SPIRIT IN ORDER TO END THE WAR PROMPTLY." HE RECALLED THAT THE ALLIES HAVE PROPOSED DISCUSSION ON ANY PROBLEM SET FORTH BY THE OTHER SIDE 36 RPT 36 TIMES DURING THE 36 RPT 36 SESSIONS OF THE PARIS TALKS.

PRESIDENT THIEU ADDED:

"PRESIDENT NIXON HIMSELF HAS PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED THAT THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM PEACE OFFER IS AS GENEROUS AS ANY OTHER MADE IN THE HISTORY OF WARFARE. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ALSO AFFIRMED THAT WE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, HAVE GONE AS FAR AS WE CAN GO OR SHOULD GO IN OPENING THE DOOR TO PEACE, AND IT IS TIME FOR THE OTHER SIDE TO RESPOND. OTHERWISE, THE OTHER SIDE WILL ASSUME ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTINUING SUFFERING WHICH HAS LASTED TOO LONG FOR THE PEOPLE IN BOTH SOUTH VIETNAM AND NORTH VIETNAM."

UNTIL PERMANENT PEACE IS ASSURED, PRESIDENT

HIEU POINTED OUT, THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS DETERMINED TO ASSURE ITS "RIGHT PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELD."

HE SAID SOUTH VIETNAM INTENDS TO "LIGHTEN THE BURDEN OF THE SACRIFICES IN HUMAN LIVES FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND GRADUALLY REDUCE THE BURDEN OF THEIR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE."

"WHILE WE ARE STRONG POLITICALLY, WHILE OUR ARMED FORCES ARE WELL-DEVELOPED AND EFFICIENT, WHILE WE ARE GRADUALLY TAKING THE INITIATIVE ON THE BATTLEFIELDS AND THE ENEMY BECOMES WEAKER AND WEAKER, WHILE WE CONTROL AGAIN THE GREAT PART OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, I HAVE DECIDED TO HAVE THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GRADUALLY REPLACE THE ALLIED TROOPS, AND ABOVE ALL THE U. S. TROOPS.

"IN 1968, THERE WERE SIZEABLE TROOPS REPLACEMENTS, AND TODAY I CONFIRM THAT IN THE MONTHS TO COME, I WILL CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT THAT POLICY. ITEM

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ROGERS BRIEFS NIXON ON DIPLOMATIC TALKS AT U.N. (100)

WASHINGTON -- PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS CONFERRED PRIVATELY OCTOBER 6 ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH DIPLOMATS THERE.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZIEGLER TOLD NEWSMEN THE PURPOSE OF THE 80-MINUTE SESSION IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE WAS TO COVER ACTIVITIES AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO ALLOW THE SECRETARY AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT ON HIS ACTIVITIES THERE.

WHILE IN NEW YORK CITY, MR. ROGERS CONDUCTED MEETINGS WITH A NUMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, INCLUDING TWO SESSIONS WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO.

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