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### TEXT OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S STATEMENT ON VIETNAM WASHINGTON, D. C., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1970

Tonight I would like to talk to you about a major new initiative for peace.

When I authorized operations against the enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia last April, I also directed that an intensive effort be launched to develop new approaches for peace in Indochina.

In Ireland on Sunday, I met with the chiefs of our Delegation to the Paris talks. This meeting marked the culmination of the Government-wide effort begun last spring on the negotiation front. After considering the recommendations of all my principal advisors, I am tonight announcing new proposals for peace in Indochina.

This new peace initiative has been discussed with the Governments of South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. It has their full support. It has been made possible in large part by the remarkable success of the Vietnamization policy over the last 18 months. Tonight I want to tell you what these new proposals are and what they mean.

First, I propose that all armed forces throughout Indochina cease firing their weapons and remain in the positions they now hold. This would be a "cease-fire-in-place." It would not in itself be an end to the conflict, but it would accomplish one goal all of us have been working toward: an end to the killing.

I do not minimize the difficulty of maintaining a ceasefire in a guerrilla war where there are no front lines. But an unconventional war may require an unconventional truce: our side is ready to stand still and cease firing.

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