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SITUATION OF COMMUNIST TROOPS IN SVN

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Rallier Ha Van Phuong, Chief Surgeon at Hospital B25 recently returned with his family and revealed what other ralliers had said.

The greatest difficulty encountered by the communist enemy is the critical shortage of rice rations for communist troops. Rallier Phuong stated: Such an adage, "when hungry and needy, one is not strong and daring," is quite applicable to the present dark situation of communist troops. After having failed in the General Offensive/Uprising in 1968, communists have suffered successive defeats. Day and night, RVNAF pursue remnant troops, destroy bases, thus making supplies scarcer and cadres/soldiers more and more demoralized, included those sick/wounded being summarily treated.

Rallier Phuong revealed also the reverse side of the communist leaders, the mishandling of their cadres/soldiers captured. Communists exploit them regardless of the future and luring them into a hopeless war. Denial of the presence of communist troops in SVN, and subsequent disowning of communist disabled POWs handed over by RVN Government, prove the inhuman and brazen nature of communists with their subordinates.

Same rallier theorized, if invasion goes on, certainly communists will be defeated with either negotiating seriously at the Paris Talks, or stealthily withdrawing to North Vietnam.

- NVN troops are critically short of replacements and manpower due to opposition of the North population and economic slump.
- RVN Pacification/Development program is more and more reducing enemy operational areas.

In addition, from now on until 1971, our Army/People is perfecting Pacification program while struggling for extermination of communists, and building the country in the spirit of self-help for self-improvement.

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