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During September 1968, the American aggressors intensified their means of war, savagely struck the provinces from the 17th to the 19th parallels, and committed many additional immense crimes against our people. They intensified and coordinated all means of war, striking with a genocide nature.

During September, the Americans used tactical and strategic aircraft of their air force, navy, and Marines to attack the provinces of Nghe An, Ha Tinh, and Quang Binh and the area of Vinh Linh 6,500 times.

They also coordinated all types of aircraft and the long range guns of the Seventh Fleet and from south of the Ben Hai river to shell the Vinh Linh area and the coast of Quang Binh and Ha Tinh provinces. In the areas of Vinh Linh alone, in five days (7, 12, 13, 17, and 20 September) the American aggressors sent 91 B52 aircraft to drop 2,730 tons of bombs. The American bombs and shells have plowed up and smashed the fields, destroyed many homes, and wounded many old people, women, and children.

The American aggressors also dropped many fragmentation bombs, delayed action bombs, and mines into the river mouths and bays of Nghe An and Quang Binh aimed at blocking the passage of shipping and murdering the fishermen making a living on the rivers and the sea.

In former Region 4 during this month, the American aggressors sent aircraft to furiously attack 15 dike sections of the Nhat Le, Gianh, and Lam river sea and river dike systems. Many dike sections, many water conduits, and many pumping stations were attacked and the water flooded into many villages and districts of Quang Binh, Ha Tinh, and Nghe An provinces.

The American aggressors also continued to attack the projects serving the lives of the people, sent raider boats to threaten the jobs of the fishermen, and continued to send reconnaissance aircraft over the provinces of the North. Aimed at completely destroying the projects serving the lives of the people, they attacked three schools in Nghe An Province and two schools and a nursery

in Quang Binh Province. On 21 September alone, the elementary and nursery schools of Hung Phu Township (Quang Binh) were struck twice by American aircraft, killing one girl teacher and two pupils and wounding 17 other pupils.

Not only that, the American imperialists also sent both aircraft and war vessels to threaten the lives of the fishermen along the coast from Thanh Hoa to Cua Tung.

During September, from Thanh Hoa to Quang Binh, many raider boats carried out 15 incidents in which many fishermen were surrounded and captured.

More brazen than ever, on 30 September 1968, the American imperialists sent the battleship New Jersey into the Tonkin Gulf, using large caliber guns to fire indiscriminately into the demilitarized zone and a number of other locations in Quang Binh Province. On 6 October 1968, American raider boats with the support of destroyers and aircraft, fired into shipping in and near Cua Day of Ninh Binh Province and shelled Hon Me island.

Besides that, during September the American aggressors continued to send reconnaissance aircraft 281 times to spy on the provinces and cities of North Vietnam. The city of Hanoi was encroached upon nine times by SR71 aircraft and pilotless spy aircraft; Haiphong Port six times. Recently, the Committee for Investigation of American War Crimes in Vietnam issued a statement clearly exposing to public opinion inside and outside the country the above immense crimes of the American aggressors.

The recent frenzied attack actions of the American aggressors have increasingly proven that the Americans will renounce no barbarous stratagem to exterminate life and smash the projects serving the lives of our people. Those actions increasingly expose the bellicose nature of the American aggressors. However, they decidedly cannot intimidate our people; they only cause our people to additionally and fervently hate them.

With a spirit of determination to fight and defeat the invading American aggressors, during last month, our army and people shot into wreckage 68 American aircraft and killed or captured many aggressor pilots; three times setting afire or sinking enemy vessels.

Responding to the sacred appeal of Chairman Ho, our entire army and people are determined to overcome every sacrifice and hardship, to elevate vigilance, to make every effort in production, combat readiness, and brave combat, and to appropriately punish every escalatory step of the American aggressors, forcing them to pay for the crimes they have committed in both sections of our country.

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