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## MILITARY REGION FOUR REPELS AMERICAN ATTACKS

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Continuing to defeat every action of the stubborn American aggressors' war of destruction, Military Region 4 has staunchly again won glorious victory; on 20 October 1968, Con Co, Vinh Linh, and Quang Binh shot down five American aircraft. Before that, on 19 October, Quang Binh shot down one American aircraft and Nghe An set afire one American war vessel. Military Region 4 is truly worthy to be the steel ramparts on the frontline of the socialist North and the strong direct rear area of the heroic great frontline. Clearly, the more they concentrate their bombs and shells to savagely strike Military Region 4, the more the American aggressors are intensely struck in return and the more heavily they are defeated.

The glorious victories on the two days of 19 and 20 October 1968 indicate the determined-to-fight-and-win will, the spirit of high vigilance, the atmosphere of strong, continuous, and tense combat, and the firmly coordinated combat solidarity of the armed forces and people of Military Region 4.

Extremely vigilant and constantly combat ready, the army and people of Con Co, Vinh Linh, and Quang Binh have accurately struck the enemy even when they stealthily groped through extremely obscure conditions. Preparing and organizing good combat coordination, Vinh Linh recently downed an American aircraft; when the aggressor pilot parachuted into the sea, Con Co immediately downed the rescue helicopter. Principally due to the strong, continuous, and tense combat spirit in which Con Co shot down the American helicopter, it struck immediately at the flock of American crows sent to attack in retaliation, downing one close to the island. The men and cadre of heroic Con Co island have clearly indicated their worthiness of Uncle Ho's praise for the combat exploit of shooting down three American aggressor aircraft on 16 October.

In accordance with the statements of Uncle, Con Co, Vinh Linh, Quang Binh, and Nghe An have elevated their will of determination to fight and defeat the American aggressors and have made glorious combat exploits, striking the American aggressors appropriate punishing blows for their barbarous crimes. During the two days of 19 and 20 October 1968, Military Region 4 shot down many types

of American Air Force aircraft, set afire war vessels of the American fleet, struck excellently, fired accurately, and won victory under many complex conditions.

Sadly defeated in both sections of our country, the Johnson clique, still unwilling to renounce its ambitions to intensify the war of aggression against the South, continues to concentrate attacks against an important part of the territory of the North. The army and people of the North are increasingly raising their iron will for independence and freedom, constantly intensifying their vigilance and combat readiness, fighting and producing skillfully, assuring through routes of transportation and communications, wholeheartedly serving the frontline, and shoulder to shoulder with their brother army and people of the South are triumphantly surging forward to completely defeat the invading American aggressors.

The more the American aggressors butt their heads against Military Region 4, the more broken heads, cracked foreheads, and painful defeats they suffer.

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