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87- 968-- PPLLAFF'S COMMAND ISSUES COMMUNIQUE  
ON THREE- MONTH VICTORIES.

HANOI VNA OCTOBER 30<sup>167</sup> THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED  
FORCES AND PEOPLE IN SOUTH VIET NAM IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS  
(JULY , AUGUST, SEPTEMBER ) WIPED OUT OVER 82,000 RPT 82,000  
ENEMY TROOPS INCLUDING 32,500 RPT 32,500 GGIIS AND NEARLY  
3,000 RPT 3,000 SATELLITE TROOPS.

THIS IS MADE PUBLIC BY THE PPLLAFF COMMAND IN A  
COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY, OFFICIAL  
ORGAN OF THE SOUTH VIET NAM NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION.  
THE COMMUNIQUE SAID:

" DEVELOPING THE EFFECTS OF THE GREAT VICTORIES DURING  
WINTER 1966 AND SPRING 1967, TO GREET THE GLORIOUS NATIONAL  
ANNIVERSARIES AND IN RESPONSE TO THE CALL OF THE>NNLFF  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE, THE SOUTH VIET NAM PPLLAFF AND PEOPLE RECORDED  
BRILLIANT VICTORIES IN JULY , AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER LAST.

ACCORDING TO STILL INCOMPLETE FIGURES, DURING THIS PERIOD,  
THEY WIPED OUT OVER 82,000 RPT 82,000 ENEMY  
TROOPS INCLUDING 32,500 RPT 32,500 GGIIS AND  
NEARLY 3,000 RPT 3,000 SATELLITE TROOPS.

THE UNITS PUT OUT OF ACTION COMPRISED 10 RPT 10 BATTALIONS  
AND CORRESPONDING UNITS AMONG THEM FOUR RPT FOUR UUSS

INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND TWO RPT TWO USS ARMoured COLUMNS, 4 RPT 4 COLUMNS OF TANKS, 88 RPT 88 COMPANIES INCLUDING 17 RPT 17 AMERICAN, ONE RPT ONE SATELLITE AND FIVE RPT FIVE ARTILLERY COMPANIES, 179 RPT 179 PLATOONS INCLUDING 36 RPT 36 AMERICAN, ONE RPT ONE SATELLITE AND THREE RPT THREE ARTILLERY PLATOONS.

BESIDES, THE PPLLAFF SHOT DOWN OR DESTROYED ON THE GROUND 747 RPT 747 AIRCRAFT, WRECKED OR DAMAGED 1,180 RPT 1,180 MILITARY VEHICLES AMONG THEM 790 RPT 790 ARMoured CARS, DESTROYED 133 RPT 133 ARTILLERY PIECES OF VARIOUS KINDS, SANK 76 RPT 76 MILITARY BOATS AND MOTOR LAUNCHES, OVERTURNED EIGHT RPT EIGHT LOCOMOTIVES AND 20 RPT 20 CARRIAGES, ATTACKED A SERIES OF MILITARY SUB-SECTORS AND PROVINCIAL CAPITALS, RAZED 94 RPT 94 POSTS, DESTROYED OR DAMAGED 71 RPT 71 WATCH TOWERS, BLEW UP 78 RPT 78 BRIDGES AND 67 RPT 67 CULVERTS, AND SET ABLAZE 51 RPT 52 AMMUNITION DUMPS AND 19 RPT 19 STORAGES WITH 18 MILLION RPT 18 MILLION LITRES OF GASOLINE.

#### COMMUNIQUE (ONE)... GASOLENEG

COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTHS LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER OF ENEMY CASUALTIES DOUBLED, THAT OF UNITS WIPED OUT ALSO INCREASED. THE NUMBER OF PLATOONS WIPED OUT TREBLED, THE LOSSES IN AIRCRAFT DOUBLED, THE LOSSES IN MILITARY VEHICLES AND VESSELS MORE THAN DOUBLED, AND THOSE OF ARMoured CARS TREBLED.

FOLLOWING THEIR BITTER DEFEATS, AFTER THE DRY SEASON OF 1966-1967, THE ENEMY FELL BACK INTO THEIR DEFENSIVE POSTURES. THIS DEFENSIVE POSITION AND LOSS OF INITIATIVE WERE PARTICULARLY SERIOUS IN THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW.

AS A MATTER OF FACTS, THE ENEMY TROOPS SENT TO RESCUE THE BELEAGUERED ELEMENTS IN QUANG TRI-THUA THIEN AREA, IN THE WESTERN HIGH PLATEAUX OF CENTRAL VIET NAM WERE NOT ONLY UNABLE TO TURN THE TIDE BUT EVEN HAD TO CALL FOR HELP FROM SAIGON AND WASHINGTON. THE ENEMY WERE UNABLE EITHER TO MOVE TROOPS TO THE MEKONG RIVER DELTA AS THEY WANTED TO, OR TO PULL THEM BACK TO EAST NAM BO (NORTH AND EAST OF SAIGON).

MORE AND MORE "PACIFICATION" TEAMS WERE COMPLETELY WIPED OUT AND THOSE AREAS WHICH THE ENEMY TRIED HARD TO "PACIFY" WERE PRECISELY THOSE WHERE THE ENEMY WERE HARDEST HIT. THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT WAS MOVING AHEAD IN QUANG TRI, THUA THIEN, QUANG NAM AND QUANG NGAI PROVINCES.

#### COMMUNIQUE (TWO)... NAM BO.

IN THE POLITICAL FIELD, FAR FROM LEGITIMIZING THE THIEU KY REGIME AND DECEIVING PUBLIC OPINION, THE "PRESIDENTIAL AND SENATORIAL ELECTIONS" HAVE DEEPEINED THE CONTRADICTIONS AMONG THE ENEMY, AROUSED HIGHER INDIGNATION AMONG THE POPULATION AND MADE THE USS AND ITS LACKEYS MORE ISOLATED THAN EVER IN VIET NAM AND IN THE WORLD.

MEANWHILE DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS THE PPLLAFF HAVE RECORDED ONE RESOUNDING VICTORY AFTER ANOTHER. FOLLOWING ARE THEIR MOST NOTICEABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:

1- THE THREE BRANCHES OF THE PPLLAFF- MAIN FORCES, REGIONAL FORCES AND GUERRILLAS-COORDINATED THEIR ATTACKS AND COUNTER-ATTACKS ON ALL BATTLEFIELDS, WIPING OUT OR DECIMATING AN IMPORTANT PART OF ENEMY FORCES AND DESTROYING A LARGE QUANTITY OF THEIR WAR MEANS.

IN THE PAST MONTHS, THE PPLLAFF TOOK THE INITIATIVE IN LAUNCHING VIGOROUS AND REPEATED ATTACKS IN ALL PARTS OF SOUTH VIET NAM. IN QUANG TRI-THUA THIEN AND QUANG NAM, THE USS MARINES WERE BEATEN BLACK AND BLUE. IN CENTRAL TRUNG BO, (SOUTH CENTRAL VIET NAM) 17 RPT 17 ENEMY POSITIONS WERE HIT ON A SINGLE NIGHT LAST AUGUST. IN THE HIGH PLATEAUX, SURPRISE ATTACKS OR BIG GUN SHELLINGS WERE REPEATEDLY MADE

AGAINST THE UUSS 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION, TE TAN CANH BASE, THE ENEMY STRONGHOLDS IN PLEIKU TOWN. IN EAST NAM BO, THE PPLLAFF WON RESOUNDING VICTORIES IN NGAI GIAO AREA (BA RIA), AND TAN HUNG AND CHON THANH AREAS (THU DAU MOT).

COMMUNIQUE ( THREE ).. ( THU DAU MOT )

THE REGIONAL FORCES AND GUERILLAS, NOW TEAMED UP, NOW SCATTERED, MADE DEEP THRUSTS INTO ENEMY REAR BASES, PURSUED THE ENEMY HOT ON THE HEELS, HIT THEM ALONG COMMUNICATION LINES, COUNTERED THEIR RAIDS, ATTACKED THE " PACIFICATION " TEAMS, AND HELPED THE PEOPLE RISE UP AGAINST THE CRUEL AGENTS OF THE UUSS PUPPETS, AND BREAKING UP THE ENEMY GRIP.

GUERILLA ATTACKS ON ENEMY ARMoured TROOP CARRIERS AND AIRCRAFT BECAME A WIDESPREAD MOVEMENT. GUZJILLAS IN CU CHI ( GIA DINH PROVINCE ) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED FOUR RPT FOUR COLUMNS OF ARMoured UNITS COMPRISING 66 RPT 66 TANKS, THOSE IN BINH DUONG ( FORMERLY THU DAU MOT PROVINCE ) DESTROYED OR DAMAGED 90 RPT 90 ARMoured CARS WITHIN 57 RPT 57 DAYS ALONG HIGHWAY 13 RPT 13 THOSE IN BAC AI ( NINH THUAN PROVINCE ) SHOT DOWN 46 RPT 46 AIRCRAFT INCLUDING 25 RPT 25 HELICOPTERS DURING THE 10 DAY COUNTERRAID ENDING JULY 3 .

2- THE PPLLAFF HAVE DEVISED AND COORDINATED MANY RESOURCEFUL METHODS OF FIGHTING AND HAVE RECORDED MANY OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS, THUS CREATING MANY NEW ABILITIES IN ALL SPHERES OF ACTIVITY.

THEY WERE BATTERED ON ALL HIGHWAYS, COMBINING BIG AND SMALL ATTACKS, INFLECTING MANY CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY, PINNING DOWN THE ENEMY OR DISLODGING THEM FROM THEIR STRONG-HOLDS IN MANY AREAS.

THE ENEMY HAD TO STATION REGULARLY FROM SIX RPT SIX TO 8 RPT 8 UUSS BATTALIONS ALONG HIGHWAY 9 TO GUARD IT AGAINST THE PPLLAFF ATTACKS. HIGHWAYS 1 , 13 , 14 , 20 , AND 15 WHERE MANY ENEMY TROOPS WERE KILLED AND ARMoured CARS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED WERE CONSTANTLY ATTACKED AND CHOPPED UP.

COMMUNIQUE ( FOUR )... CHOPPED UP

ON HIGHWAY 4 IN CENTRAL NAM BO, THE PPLLAFF OPENED AN ALL- OUT ATTACK AND WON AN ALL-SIDED VICTORY, SHOWING A NEW POTENTIALITY OF THE PEOPLE'S WAR:

IN ANY AREA STILL CONTROLLED BY THE ENEMY, THE PPLLAFF ARE ABLE TO WIPE THEM OUT, BREAK THEIR GRIP AND REGAIN CONTROL PROVIDED THEY HAVE A CLEAR GUIDANCE AND A HIGH DETERMINATION TO FIGHT AND TO WIN, ARE WELL ORGANIZED AND FIGHT IN GOOD COORDINATION.

THE FACT THAT 76 RPT 76 ENEMY BOATS HAVE BEEN SUNK AND 36 OTHERS DAMAGED SHOWS THE HEAVY FAILURE OF THEIR RIVER TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY EFFORTS.

THE ENEMY WERE GREATLY EMBARRASSED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE RIVER TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY , THOUGH THEY HAD SET ENCLAVES, CONDUCTED MANY " SWEEPS " AND SPRAYED TOXIC CHEMICALS, ALONG THE LONG TAU RIVER, THEY FAILED TO PREVENT FIVE RPT FIVE OF THEIR VESSELS FROM BEING SUNK IN THIS RIVER. THEY ALSO LOST THOUSANDS OF TROOPS AND FOILED IN THEIR " HOVERCRAFT " AND " RIVER ASSAULT " TACTICS ON THE MEKONG, VAM CO AND BA RAI RIVERS.

DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS, THE PPLLAFF HAVE STRUCK THE ENEMY'S LIFE LINES BOTH ON LAND AND ON WATER.

COMMUNIQUE ( FIVE ).. WATER.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE ENEMY IN PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT CAPITALS AND AIR BASES WERE HARDEST HIT. ATTACKS WERE MOUNTED

AGAINST 12 RPT 12 PROVINCIAL CAPITALS, 40 RPT 40 DISTRICT CAPITALS, REAR BASES SUCH AS QUANG TRI, HUE, DA NANG, HOI AN, QUANG NGAI, PHAN THIET, DALAT, LAM DONG, XUAN LOC, BINH DUONG, TAY NINH, TAN AN AND CAO LANH..., AGAINST THE AIRFIELDS OF PHUOC VINH, SOC TRANG, DA NANG, VINH LONG, CA MAU NHA TRANG, DONG HA AND OTHERS.

THE PPLLAFF ALSO ATTACKED SIMULTANEOUSLY TEN RPT TEN POSITIONS IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN, 17 RPT 17 ON A SINGLE NIGHT IN CENTRAL TRUNG BO. MANY POSITIONS WERE HIT SEVERAL TIMES AGAIN, ATTACKS WERE MOUNTED IN 23 TIMES ON 11 RPT 11 AIR BASES. THUS, THE ENEMY DEFENCE SYSTEM WAS BROKEN UP AND THEIR TROOPS HAD TO BE SCATTERED TO COPE WITH THE PPLLAFF ATTACKS, AND THEREFORE WERE UNABLE TO RESCUE ONE ANOTHER. DURING THEIR ATTACKS ON THE TOWNS AND CITIES, THE PPLLAFF LIBERATED MANY PATRIOTIC PEOPLE DETAINED BY THE ENEMY.

1,200 RPT 1,200 DETAINEES WERE FREED IN HOI AN, AND 2,000 RPT 2,000 IN QUANG NGAI.

BESIDES, THE PPLLAFF ATTACKED THE ENEMY INSIDE THEIR STRONGHOLDS, COUNTERED THE PACQICATPMNXSS TEAM, ASSISTED THE PEOPLE IN THEIR POLITIKAL AND ARMED STRUGGLE.

COMMUNIQUE (SIX LAST)... STRUGGLE.

THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT DEVELOPED POWERFULLY IN MANY PARTS OF SOUTH VIET NAM SUCH AS LONG DIEN, DAT DO, NHON TRACH, LAI THIEU, GO VAP, HOC MON, DI AN, SOUTHERN BINH THUAN, QUANG DUC, VINH LONG AND CAN THO,

THE PPLLAFF HAVE CLOSELY COMBINED POLITICAL AND ARMED STRUGGLES, HELPED BROAD MASSES TO RISE UP TO BREAK THE ENEMY'S GRIP, PUNISH THE CRUEL AGENTS OF THE UUSS AND PUPPETS, AND RETURN TO THEIR NATIVE VILLAGES TO EARN THEIR LIVING, DESTROY MANY CONCENTRATION CENTRES, BROADEN THE PEOPLE'S POWER IN MANY ENEMY-CONTROLLED AREAS ON ALONG IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION LINES.

THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED:

GENERALLY SPEAKING, OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS, THE UUSS AND PUPPET TROOPS CONTINUED TO SUSTAIN HEAVY DEFEATS AND SANK YET DEEPER IN THEIR STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL QUAGMIRE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE MORE THEY FOUGHT, THE STRONGER THE PPLLAFF BECAME, THE MORE NUMEROUS, MORE RESOURCEFUL AND MORE INGENIOUS THEIR METHODS OF FIGHTING AND THE GREATER THEIR VICTORIES./.

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- D.R.V.N. GOVERNMENT ISSUES STATEMENT ON U.S. REPEATED AIR RAIDS ON HANOI.

HANOI VNA OCTOBER 31 - THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM YESTERDAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE U.S. REPEATED AIR RAIDS AGAINST HANOI OVER THE PAST DAYS :

SINCE OCTOBER 24, 1967, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS SENT AIRCRAFT TO LAUNCH REPEATED ATTACKS ON HANOI, CAPITAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM. U.S. PLANES HAVE DROPPED BOMBS OF VARIOUS KINDS AND FIRED MISSILES ON THE CENTRE OF THE CITY AND ITS SUBURBS. PARTICULARLY BARBAROUS IS THAT THE U.S. HAS SPREAD STEEL PELLET BOMBS ON MANY OF THE MOST POPULATED STREETS. WITHIN THE PAST FEW DAYS, THE U.S. AIR RAIDERS HAVE KILLED OR WOUNDED MORE THAN 200 (TWO HUNDRED) CIVILIANS AND BURNED OR DESTROYED MORE THAN 150 (ONE FIVE ZERO) HOUSES.

THIS IS AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS STEP OF "ESCALATION" TAKEN BY THE U.S. IN ITS WAR OF DESTRUCTION AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXTRICATE ITSELF FROM ITS QUAGMIRE AND STALEMATE IN SOUTH VIET NAM.