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**STATEMENT OF THE NFLSV CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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Over the past 14 years, in the hope of materializing their scheme of turning South Vietnam into a U.S. neocolony and military base, the U.S. imperialists have carried out the most cruel policy of aggression in history against the Vietnamese people, grossly trampling upon Vietnam's independence, sovereignty, unification, and territorial integrity, recognized by the 1954 Geneva agreements. They set up an extremely cruel lackey administration in South Vietnam and have used weapons and fire in the hope of forcing the South Vietnamese people to endure their yoke of domination.

But the South Vietnamese people, united millions as one, have courageously arisen and have struggled resolutely and perseveringly against the country-grabbers and country-sellers. Under the NFLSV's glorious banner and enjoying the wholehearted and strongest support of the northern compatriots and the resolute and vigorous sympathy and assistance of the friendly governments and

of the people throughout the world, the South Vietnamese people's sacred resistance has continued to win increasingly great victories.

In the hope of averting their complete collapse, the U.S. imperialists massively sent U.S. expeditionary troops to wage direct aggression against South Vietnam and, at the same time, unleashed a destructive war against the DRV, piling up their savage crimes throughout both parts of Vietnam. But no cruel strength can save the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys from disastrous defeats. The northern armed forces and people, fighting in an extremely courageous manner, have downed more than 3,200 U.S. aircraft, defeating the U.S. war of destruction, and fulfilling the vast rear base's duty toward the vast frontline.

The Southern armed forces and people have frustrated all of the Americans' plans to intensify their war of aggression and, since early spring, have continuously launched offensives and staged concerted uprisings, directing thunderous blows to the Americans and their lackeys right in their dens, winning precedented victories in all fields, altering the war situation, and driving the Americans and their lackeys more and more deeply into an irreversibly passive and declining situation.

Faced with the courageous and stalwart struggle and the victories of great significance in all fields won by the armed forces and people throughout our country and faced with the vigorous demand of the world's peoples, including progressive American people, the U.S. Government was compelled to agree to and carry out an unconditional cessation of the bombings and strafings over the entire DRV territory. This constituted an extremely great victory for all the Vietnamese people and for peace-loving peoples throughout the world.

However, it is not true that the U.S. imperialists have renounced their evil aggressive designs against Vietnam. They stubbornly continue to step up the war in South Vietnam and to foster the puppet lackey administration in the hope of maintaining their neocolonialist yoke domination in South Vietnam and perpetuating the partition of our country.

The U.S. imperialists stubbornly continue to conduct actions which violate the DRV's sovereignty and security. They continue to demand that our people pay a premium for an end to their war of destruction against the North.

The South Vietnamese people and the NFLSV resolutely demand that the Americans permanently renounce all violations of the DRV's sovereignty and security, put an end to their war of aggression in South Vietnam, honor all the commitments they made at the 1954 Geneva Conference on Vietnam, and respect the inviolable national rights of the South Vietnamese people. The South Vietnamese people deeply cherish peace, but it must be peace in independence and freedom. Manifesting these aspirations and this determination and basing itself upon its political platform, the NFLSV solemnly declares its stand on the political solution to the South Vietnam problem as follows:

1. South Vietnam is determined to strive to realize its sacred rights to independence, democracy, peace, neutrality, and prosperity and to proceed toward the peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

2. The U.S. imperialists must put an end to their war of aggression against Vietnam, withdraw all U.S. and satellite troops and their war equipment from South Vietnam and dismantle U.S. military bases in South Vietnam.

3. The internal affairs of South Vietnam must be settled by the South Vietnamese people in conformity with the NFLSV political platform, without foreign intervention. The NFLSV advocates the formation of a broad national and democratic coalition government and the holding of free general elections in South Vietnam.

4. The reunification of Vietnam will be settled by the Vietnamese people in both parts of the country step by step, by peaceful means, on the basis of discussions and agreement between the two parts of the country, and without foreign intervention.

5. South Vietnam will adopt a foreign policy of peace and neutrality, will not enter into military alliances with foreign countries in any form, will establish friendly relations with all countries on the basis of the five principles of peaceful coexistence, and will establish good neighborly relations with the Cambodian Kingdom on the basis of respect for Cambodia's independence, sovereignty, neutrality, and territorial integrity within its existing borders and with Laos on the basis of respect for the 1962 Geneva agreements on Laos.

The U.S. imperialists are the aggressors in South Vietnam. The NFLSV is the organizer and leader of the South Vietnamese people's resistance against the U.S. aggressors. It has led the South Vietnamese people from one victory to another. The front is building and developing the revolutionary administration of the South Vietnamese people. The governments of many countries and the world's peoples have recognized the NFLSV and have accorded it great support and assistance. The NFLSV truly represents the legitimate aspirations of the South Vietnamese people and is fully competent to solve all problems related to South Vietnam.

The NFLSV asserts its complete unanimity with the support for the four-point stand of the DRV Government. This stand, which represents the aspirations and will of the people throughout our country, constitutes the correct basis for the settlement of the Vietnam problem. In the situation in which the United States has unconditionally ended its bombing of and attacks against North Vietnam, the NFLSV resolutely supports the stand of the DRV Government which was set forth in the 2 November 1968 statement and is aimed at seeking a political solution for the Vietnam problem.

After discussing and unanimously agreeing with the Vietnam alliance of national, democratic, and peace forces, the NFLSV approves the four-party conference, which comprises the DRV, the NFLSV, the United States, and the Saigon administration. At this conference, the NFLSV representative will express the southern people's voice, that of the just cause.

The present Saigon administration is merely a clique of country-sellers serving as lackeys for the U.S. aggressors and running counter to the legitimate aspirations of all the South Vietnamese people. They have been energetically opposed by our people and cursed by progressive people in the world. They represent no one. The pres-

ence of the Saigon administration's representative at the above-mentioned conference does not mean that the NFLSV recognizes this administration.

The United States has been obviously defeated, but it has not yet renounced its evil aggressive design against Vietnam. The closer to victory the Vietnamese people's anti-U.S. resistance is, the more difficulties there are.

Enthusiastically responding to President Ho's 3 November 1968 sacred appeal, let all the compatriots and combatants of the people's liberation armed forces in South Vietnam heighten their persevering determination to fight until final victory. As long as there is an aggressor on our country, we must continue to fight and wipe him out.

Let us hold high the banner of victory, bravely rush forward to develop the impetus of continuous offensive and uprisings, defeat the aggressive U.S. war, topple the country-selling Vietnamese traitors, gain the entire administration for the people, and gloriously fulfill the sacred task of liberating the South, protecting the North, and advancing toward peacefully reunifying the fatherland, thus contributing to preserving peace in Asia and the world!

Let the combatants of the puppet armed forces and personnel of the puppet administration machinery clearly realize the situation in time, return to the fatherland and the people, struggle to save the country, their families, and themselves, and oppose the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys. The NFLSV is ready to welcome you all.

The NFLSV calls on all democratic governments, organizations, and notables and progressive people throughout the world, including progressive U.S. people, to vigorously support the correct NFLSV stand and aid more positively the South Vietnamese people's anti-U.S., national resistance until final victory.

South Vietnam will certainly be liberated! The Vietnamese people's anti-U.S. national salvation struggle will certainly be victorious!

South Vietnam, November 3, 1968.

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