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**JOINT COMMUNIQUE  
OF THE SOUTH VIET NAM NATIONAL  
FRONT FOR LIBERATION  
AND  
THE VIET NAM ALLIANCE OF NATIONAL,  
DEMOCRATIC AND PEACE FORCES**

On November 3, 4 and 5, 1968, a delegation of the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and a delegation of the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces proceeded to an exchange of views on problems concerning the present struggle of the South Vietnamese people.

Present at the talks were,

On the side of the Front Central Committee :

Lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the Presidium,  
Architect Huynh Tan Phat, Vice-President of the Presidium and Secretary General,

Dr Phung Van Cung, Vice-President of the Presidium,  
Chemist Ho Thu, Deputy Secretary General,

Mr Ho Xuan Son, Member of the Secretariat ;

On the side of the Alliance Central Committee :  
Lawyer Trinh Dinh Thao, President,  
Engineer Lam Van Tet, Vice-President,  
Professor Duong Ky, Secretary General,  
Dr Duong Quynh Hoa, Deputy Secretary General,  
Writer Thanh Nghi, Deputy Secretary General,  
Mr Le Hieu Dang, student, Deputy Secretary General,  
Professor Nguyen Van Kiet, member of the Stand-  
ing Committee,

Mr Huynh Van Nghi, specialist, member of the  
Standing Committee, and

Professor Le Van Giap, President of the Saigon-  
Cholon-Gia Dinh Committee.

In an atmosphere of sincere solidarity and enthu-  
siasm for the unprecedentedly great and all-sided  
victories recorded by the South Vietnamese armed  
forces and people and with complete confidence in  
the final success of our great patriotic struggle, the  
two delegations surveyed the situation and exchanged  
views on general problems concerning the present  
struggle and the orientation of action in the immediate  
future to secure total victory.

1. The two delegations observe that the 1954  
Geneva Agreements has recognized the independence,  
sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Viet  
Nam, and laid down the date of free general elections  
throughout Viet Nam for national reunification. But  
the U.S. imperialists have wrecked these agreements,  
set up in South Viet Nam an extremely cruel adminis-  
tration in their pay and drowned in blood all patriotic

movements, and the movement for peaceful reunification of the South Vietnamese people. Their scheme is to achieve neo-colonialism in the South, turn it into an American colony and military base, and prolong the partition of Viet Nam.

Having vainly used the Ngo Dinh Diem fascist dictatorial administration to repress the South Vietnamese people's patriotic movement, the U.S. imperialists started "special warfare" in an attempt to wipe out the revolutionary forces in the countryside with the help of a "strategic hamlet" system and set out to "search and destroy" the newly-built revolutionary armed forces in the South.

When the "special war" went bankrupt, the United States massively despatched American expeditionary troops to South Viet Nam and switched to the "limited war"; on the other hand, it fabricated the so-called "Tonkin Gulf Incident", and impudently started a most barbarous war of destruction with air and naval forces against the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.

Clearly, U.S. imperialism is the wrecker of the 1954 Geneva Agreements, the saboteur of peace in Viet Nam, the saboteur of its unity, the perpetrator of wholesale slaughter in both parts of our country, the most cruel aggressor in history, the breeder of tension and the wrecker of peace in Indochina and Southeast Asia.

The administrations rigged up by the Americans in South Viet Nam, from the Diem-Nhu brothers to the present Thieu-Ky-Huong clique, are but a

gang of puppets, lackeys and traitors who have sold out South Viet Nam to the United States and brought in American expeditionary troops to devastate their country and massacre their compatriots. It is an utterly reactionary and rotten regime which represents nobody and owes its survival to U.S. bayonets and dollars. The so-called elections held in a number of areas still under U.S.-puppet control aimed at giving this administration a "legal", "constitutional" veneer, were no more nor less than a farce performed fraudulently at the gun-point of the American aggressors and their agents.

The U.S. imperialists having unleashed a war of aggression, and deprived the South Vietnamese people of their independence and freedom, the latter must stand up to save their country and win back independence and national sovereignty. For the South Vietnamese or any other people in the world this is an inviolable right.

The South Vietnamese people have successively foiled all the United States plans of aggression and recorded one victory after another.

They have staged simultaneous uprisings and crushed the foundation of the Ngo Dinh Diem fascist dictatorial regime.

They have frustrated the "special war" strategy, and liberated most of the countryside, the plains and the mountain regions.

They have smashed two large-scale dry-season strategic counter-offensives in the framework of the "limited war".

Since early spring this year in particular, turning to account the strength of their unity and winning position, the South Vietnamese armed forces and people have started generalized offensives and simultaneous uprisings in urban centres and rural areas, dealing fiercest blows at the aggressors and traitors, driving them into a seriously deteriorating situation and a blind alley, and scoring unprecedentedly great and all-sided victories. These victories have generated very important changes and extremely favourable conditions for the South Vietnamese armed forces and people to win complete victory.

Confronted with the heroic and dauntless struggle of the armed forces and people all over Viet Nam and the firm demands of the world people, including progressive people in the United States, the American Government has recently to end unconditionally its bombing and shelling of the whole territory of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. This is a serious setback of the United States and a tremendous victory of our entire people and peace-loving people around the world.

However, the United States has not yet given up its aggressive design. It continues intensifying the war of aggression in South Viet Nam, committing extremely barbarous crimes, and prodding the puppet administration feverishly to conduct pressganging, to launch mopping-up operations, to make a frantic use of strategic B.52's, bombs, bullets and toxic chemicals in savage attacks against the surroundings of towns and cities, razing many rural areas, massacring *en*

*masse* our compatriots, terrorizing and repressing all individuals and forces attached to independence, democracy and peace. The United States is still clinging to the Thieu-Ky-Huong puppet administration in the hope of maintaining their neo-colonialist rule and prolonging the partition of Viet Nam.

But the more stubborn it is and the more closely it sticks to the political corpses of the Thieu-Ky-Huong clique, the heavier and more shameful failure it will encounter. Its complete defeat in the war of aggression in South Viet Nam and the total collapse of the puppet administration in its pay are inevitable.

On this occasion, the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces warmly welcome the victories recorded by our Southern compatriots and fighters in the liberated zones as in the areas still under U.S.-puppet control, in the towns as in the countryside, in the plains as in the mountain regions. Bringing to a pitch the heroism and creative talent of our people they have overcome all hardships, accepted all sacrifices, fought without let-up, foiled every plan of aggression of an extremely cruel enemy, and won glorious victories. They have proved worthy of the confidence of our people and our friends in the five continents.

The Front Central Committee and the Alliance Central Committee convey to their seventeen million Northern countrymen and to esteemed President Ho Chi Minh the most affectionate greetings of all the South Vietnamese people and fighters, and express

their unbounded gratitude to their kith and kin in the North who have with might and main helped the South Vietnamese liberation revolution to defeat the enemy.

They sincerely thank all the governments, mass organizations, democratic bodies and peace- and justice-loving people the world over, the Cambodian people and Government, the Lao people and the Lao Patriotic Front, progressive people in the United States, the personalities and intellectuals who have sternly condemned the U.S. imperialists' crimes of aggression and war crimes in South Viet Nam, and warmly sympathized with, supported and assisted the South Vietnamese people in their just struggle for national liberation.

2. The two delegations acknowledge as entirely judicious the objective set for the current struggle of the entire South Vietnamese people, namely, to bring about independence, democracy, peace, neutrality and prosperity and to advance toward the peaceful reunification of the country.

In view of this objective, it is necessary to achieve broad national union, to rally all patriotic forces, resolutely to defeat the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression to overthrow the puppet administration and set up a government of national union and broad democracy with the participation of representatives of all segments of the population, all nationalities, all religions, all patriotic political parties and forces, all patriotic personalities, all patriots.

These are the legitimate and deep aspirations of the fourteen million South Vietnamese, which have been turned into an iron determination. No brutal force, no perfidious scheme can make them deviate from the goal of their struggle and depart from their principled stand.

The general situation at present is very favourable to us and very unfavourable to the United States and its lackeys. Thoroughly grasping their set objective and ceaselessly bringing into play the factors of victory, the entire South Vietnamese people are resolved to march forward and will certainly win final victory.

In the face of the U.S. stepped-up war of aggression in South Viet Nam, the two delegations confirm that the present general task is to unite and mobilize the entire people, patriots and patriotic forces, resolutely and vigorously to impel the resistance against U.S. aggression, for national salvation, and score new and greater victories at any cost, to foil the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression, to overthrow the Thieu-Ky-Huong puppet administration, to win complete victory, liberate the South, defend the North and advance toward the peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

The South Vietnamese people's aspirations are peace, independence, democracy and better living conditions. The puppet administration -- henchmen of the United States -- is up against these aspirations and represents nobody. It is the American imperialists and their agents who are opposing all correct solutions aimed at materializing the legitimate aspirations of the South

Vietnamese people. The United States must be held entirely responsible for this.

The two delegations resolutely demand that the United States Government definitively abstain from all encroachments on the sovereignty and security of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, that the United States end its war of aggression in Viet Nam, carry out all its commitments at the 1954 Geneva Conference, and respect the inviolable national rights of the South Vietnamese people.

The two delegations fully support the four-point stand of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and its position as is made clear in the November 2, 1968 Statement on a political solution to the Vietnamese problem.

The delegation of the Alliance Central Committee fully approves and unreservedly supports the position of the Front on a political settlement of the South Vietnamese question and its decision to participate in the Paris conference as is announced in the November 3, 1968 Statement of the Front Central Committee.

The delegation of the Front Central Committee warmly welcomes and unreservedly supports the November 4, 1968 Statement of the Alliance Central Committee concerning the new development of the South Vietnamese people's struggle.

The two delegations hold that in the present situation a correct political settlement of the South Vietnamese problem must be based on the following five points :

a) South Viet Nam is resolved to struggle for the materialization of its sacred rights, namely, independence, democracy, peace, neutrality, prosperity and ultimate peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

b) The U.S. imperialists must end their war of aggression in Viet Nam, withdraw all their troops and those of their satellites as well as their war means from, and liquidate all American military bases in, South Viet Nam.

c) The internal affairs of South Viet Nam must be settled by the South Vietnamese people themselves in accordance with the Political Program of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation, without foreign interference. A government of national union and broad democracy must be established, and free general elections must be held in South Viet Nam.

d) The reunification of Viet Nam will be settled by the people of the two parts of Viet Nam step by step, by peaceful means and on the basis of consultations and agreements between North and South, without foreign interference.

e) South Viet Nam will pursue a foreign policy of peace and neutrality excluding military alliance in whatever form with foreign countries and implying establishment of friendly relations with all countries on the basis of the five principles of peaceful coexistence, of good-neighbourhood relations with the Kingdom of Cambodia on the basis of respect for its independence, sovereignty, neutrality and territorial integrity within its present borders, and on the basis of respect for the 1954 Geneva Agreements, and with Laos on the

basis of respect for the 1962 Geneva Agreements concerning this country.

The above stand reflects the iron determination of the fourteen million South Vietnamese people; it is consistent with the fundamental principles of the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Viet Nam and with international law. The South Vietnamese people, millions united as one, are resolved to fight along this stand to attain their set objectives at any cost. This correct stand will certainly enlist the sympathy and support of peace-, freedom- and justice-loving people all over the world, including progressive people in the United States.

3. The two delegations hold that one of the most important factors guaranteeing the final victory is the strength of the solidarity and struggle of the entire South Vietnamese people.

For this reason the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces will bend all their energies on the unceasing consolidation and broadening of the nation-wide front of solidarity against U.S. aggression, for national salvation.

In view of the supreme interests of the nation, the Front and the Alliance declare their readiness for joint action with all forces, all individuals who, though not yet affiliated to them, share the common aspiration to recover independence and national sovereignty, restore peace and bring about a happy life to the entire people.

The delegation of the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation highly values the founding and activities of the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces and its contributions to the continual broadening of the unity and the reinforcement of the strength of the entire people in their resistance for national salvation; it declares its close co-operation with the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces in the present struggle against U.S. aggression as well as in future for national construction.

The delegation of the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces stresses its viewpoint which has been expounded in its National Salvation Manifesto: "The South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation is a patriotic force credited with great contributions to the mobilization, organization and direction of the resistance to foreign aggression over the recent years; it must be present at the settlement of all problems concerning South Viet Nam. The Alliance declares itself engaged in joint action with the Front in the struggle for the recovering of national independence, the restoration of peace, national reconstruction, and a free and happy life to the entire people."

It declares its full approval of the external line and policies of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation, warmly welcomes the successes recorded by the Front in this field and entirely subscribes to its position regarding the recognition of, and respect for, the independence, sovereignty, neutrality

and territorial integrity of Cambodia within its present borders.

In view of the survival of the nation and the struggle for national independence, democracy, peace and social progress of the world peoples and of all nations, the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces call on the entire South Vietnamese people and fighters in the towns as well as in the countryside to unite as one man, to overcome all hardships and accept all sacrifices, to bring into full play their strong and offensive position, to make strenuous efforts, resolutely forge ahead, launch continual attacks and rise up powerfully with a firm determination in order to register new and greater victories on both the military and political planes, defeat the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression, overthrow the Thieu-Ky-Huong puppet administration and march forward toward complete victory.

Let the overseas Vietnamese enhance their patriotism, turn to the beloved fatherland engaged in resistance to foreign invasion and make worthy contributions to the present fight of our entire people for national salvation.

Let the officers and men of the puppet army, policemen and functionaries of the puppet administration in the South clearly realize the present situation, timely decide on their own destinies, choose the glorious path, leave the ranks of the aggressors

and traitors, and together with the people wrest back our independence and freedom.

The Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces appeal to all governments, mass organizations and democratic bodies, peace- and justice-loving people throughout the world, the American people, to strongly support their correct stand and give more active help to the South Vietnamese people's resistance to U.S. aggression, for national salvation, until complete victory.

The Front and the Alliance undertake to unceasingly strengthen sincere solidarity and close co-operation between the two organizations now in the struggle against U.S. aggression, for national salvation, and, later, in national construction. They regard this as the steady basis to ceaselessly consolidate and broaden the national united front, one of the fundamental factors guaranteeing the final victory of our national-liberation struggle and the successful building of our country into a prosperous one.

**Cruel and justice-flouting U.S. aggressor imperialism will certainly be defeated !**

**The South Vietnamese people will certainly win complete victory !**

**Let all our compatriots and fighters valiantly march forward !**

*South Viet Nam, November 5, 1968*