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FOREIGN MINISTRY CONDEMNS U.S. AIR STRIKES

In Vinh Area

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[Text] Hanoi VNA March 9--The spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam today denounced the U.S. for continuing to send aircraft for daily encroachment upon the airspace of the D.R.V.N., and energetically protested the U.S. for many times shelling, from the sea, Vinh Giang village in Vinh area on March 8, causing losses in lives and property to the local people.

The spokesman emphatically demanded that the U.S. stop all its acts of encroachment upon the sovereignty and security of the D.R.V.N.

In Cambodia

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[Text] Hanoi VNA March 9--The Foreign Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam today issued a statement condemning the U.S. and the Saigon puppet administration for their recent air strikes on the territory of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The statement reads in full as follows:

On February 27, 1969, many aircraft of the United States and the Saigon puppet administration violated the airspace of Cambodia and attacked Mesar Thngak area in Svay Rieng Province, killing or wounding five Khmer women.

These acts of the U.S.-puppets in Svay Rieng and their violation of the Cambodian territory which have multiplied in the recent past have unmasked the U.S. as aggressors; at the same time, they laid bare the hypocrisy of its allegations about respect for the sovereignty, independence, unity, and territorial integrity of Cambodia as well as its pledges to investigate the violations of the Cambodian territory.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam severely condemns the repeated acts of aggression by the U.S. and its Saigon lackeys against the Kingdom of Cambodia and firmly demands that they put an immediate end to them.

The D.R.V.N. Government fully supports the just stand of the Royal Government of Cambodia enunciated in its statement of March 7, 1969.

The Vietnamese people resolutely support the just struggle conducted by the fraternal Khmer people under the clear-sighted leadership of their head of state Samdech Norodom Sihanouk to defend the independence, sovereignty, neutrality, and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia.