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II. DRVN ISSUES STATEMENT ON U.S. AIR AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS

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(Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese, 1440 GMT, 22 July 1970):

Statement by the Foreign Ministry spokesman on U.S. attacks on a number of areas in Quang Binh province and the northern part of the demilitarized zone.

On 19 July 1970, the United States sent its F-4 and F-105 planes to strafe a number of areas of Tuyen Hoa district, Quang Binh province.

On 20 July, from positions south of the demilitarized zone, U.S. artillery shelled Vinh Tan and Vinh Thanh villages in the northern part of the demilitarized zone. On 21 July, U.S. aircraft dropped many demolition and steel-pellet bombs onto a number of localities on the outskirts of Dong Hoi, provincial capital of Quang Binh province.

The DRV government vehemently denounces and sternly condemns the aforementioned acts of war of the U.S. imperialists and demands that the U.S. authorities cease forthwith all gross violations of the DRV's sovereignty and security.