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INFORMATION EXPLOITATION SLIP

Subject: Communist cadres and troops admit they were kept under control to the point that they could not freely write to their families.

I. - FACTS

In his letter dated August 1970, cadre and troops Trinh Quang Huu from the 2nd. Regiment, 3rd Division of the North Vietnamese Communists, to his wife, Nguyen thi My, in Quang Minh village, Kim Anh district, Vinh Phuc Yen province (North Vietnam) told the truth about the life of the North Vietnamese troops infiltrating into the South.

Huu explained that he had not written to his wife although he had received letters from her for nearly one year "because of limited circumstances and time". Huu went on saying that "the main reason is not this. The reason why I did not write to you, My, and our family, is the war. Do you know that, darling? Since 1965, how many youths from the North have gone South to fight like me? Do you see that? They came here in great numbers, but how about their returning?"

Speaking further about the reason why he hesitated in writing to his family, Huu wrote: "I have seen many cases, everywhere, in every unit here in the South, where, when letters from his family, his friends, his lover, etc... reached him, the recipient was no longer of this world. Don't be surprised. This is the truth, nothing but the truth. Such cases happened many, many times."

Huu also complained to his wife that even if he wrote to his family he could not tell the truth. Therefore, he did not want to write to his family. "Another point is that I cannot tell the truth in my letters, the truth about the life and combat here in the South. In my previous letters to you, many parts were nearly false. This is the reason I rarely write to you, My."

## II. - REMARKS

Previously many Communist documents and sources revealed the precarious, desperate conditions of the North Vietnamese Communist cadres and troops on the Southern battlefield. Although many concrete facts can be found in various units, they have the following in common:

- The Communists always keep track and control their troops and cadres morally while limiting their minimum freedom, including writing to their families. In these letters, the North Vietnamese Communist cadres and troops dare not tell the truth.

- The endurance of troops and cadres is not without limits. The hardships and dangers they have to endure on the battlefields are increasing. Their lives are constantly threatened. They feel bewildered and excited to the utmost. They do not believe that they will survive to return to their former places. Therefore, they do not want to write to their families.

- Along with their defeats in the military and political fields, the Communists have lost ground in the rural area. Thus, their fighting potentials have decreased seriously. Nearly all Communist cadres and troops are bored and desperate.

In addition, the majority of North Vietnamese troops and cadres infiltrating into the South belong to the elements compelled to go South and fight or they were cajoled and deceived. Therefore, when faced with the realities which are contrary to the Communist cadres' propaganda when they were in the North, they feel their hatred increasing all the more, together with their enmity, and they have proved that they lose confidence and grow desperate all the more.

- In spite of the fact the Communists have been trying to control their cadres and troops morally and motivate their morale, they are unable to salvage the situation in which "men departed but did not return" or "when a soldier's family letter reached his unit, the man was no longer of this world". Therefore, the Communist cadres and troops grow dissatisfied and violate discipline regardless of their commanders' orders and do not want to fight any more. This situation will grow worse when the Communists try to prolong this war.

### III. - MAIN POINT OF EXPLOITATION

- Lay bare the Communist dark scheme of deceiving their cadres and troops, of sending them to death, while condemning the Communist dictatorial, savage policy which causes numerous sufferings in both moral and material viewpoints to the Communist cadres and troops. Even in the sentimental field, the Communist cadres and troops dare not confide to their families. This will increase the dissatisfaction and opposition among the Communist ranks.

- Point out the Communist serious failures on the Southern battlefield as well as in Cambodia, through figures or concrete evidence, in order to sow dissatisfaction and loss of confidence among the Communist cadres and troops and make them realize that in following the Communists, they have chosen the path to death. At the same time we will appeal to them to return to the national cause.

- Point out the victories of the Republic of Vietnam in the present struggle against the Communists.

Especially we will point out the achievements scored by the Republic of Vietnam in the pacification and development program in order to develop and enhance the entire people's anti-Communist spirit, make the people in every stratum believe in the inevitable victory of the national cause, and step up the struggle against the Communist aggressors until complete victory.

Saigon, September 8, 1970

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