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15. SUMMARY:

(C) This report contains information obtained from an enemy document and concerns a directive signed by Xuan Ha for P55 ((possibly Current Affairs Committee, VC Quang Da Province Party Committee, VC Region 5)). The directive, dated 15 October 1970, instructs all subordinate districts, units, and agencies to initiate an extensive propaganda campaign by exploiting basic "weaknesses" of President Nixon's recent five-point peace initiative. The eight-point peace proposal recently proclaimed by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of SVN was to be extensively disseminated. Propaganda sessions were to be held in both liberated ((VC-controlled)) and enemy ((RVN)) controlled areas. All personnel were forbidden to listen to enemy radio broadcasts.

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D I R E C T I V E

ON PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES TO COUNTER

PRESIDENT NIXON'S FIVE-POINT PEACE INITIATIVE

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TO: Branches, localities and units;

In order to turn the public opinion of the people of the US and SVN in his favor in preparation for the Nov 70 elections and at the same time cope with the eight-point peace proposals of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of SVN, President Nixon recently presented the so-called 5-point peace initiative which is basically cunning and deceptive.

From these five points, we can discern two basic weaknesses of the US position including the failure to propose a rapid withdrawal of all US and satellite troops from SVN and to seek a political solution to the VN problem. However, some details in his peace speech could invite precarious and sophisticated thoughts for those who were lax in vigilance and in determination to completely rid our country of US aggressors. Those details included proposals for an on-the-spot cease-fire, negotiations for peace in Indochina and the exchange of PW's.

In order to make our cadre, soldiers and people aware of the intransigent and insidious nature of the Nixon clique and counter the effects of his speech that could be harmful to our revolutionary work, we must strengthen our fighting spirit and determination to launch continuous attacks on the enemy, promote our struggle against the US for national salvation, aggressively accomplish missions assigned by the Party and counter any indications of hesitation, illogical thoughts, illusions of peace, etc... ((sic)).

F55 has directed that an extensive propaganda campaign ((against Nixon's peace initiative)) be conducted among the people and Party members both in friendly and enemy controlled areas including cities and towns.

1. Contents and requirements:

Thwart the delusive peace initiative of Nixon and make our cadre, Party members, soldiers and people as a whole have a good understanding of the enemy and friendly situations. Eliminate any unrealistic hopes for peace that could dampen their fighting spirit and their hatred of the enemy. Be determined to fight the enemy boldly on all battlefields in order to gain the final victory.

Uphold our main cause, willingness, and the viewpoint prescribed in the 8-point peace proposals of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of SVN. Strictly criticize the insidious character of Nixon and place emphasis on the weaknesses contained in his speech. The most prominent of these weaknesses was the failure to propose a rapid withdrawal of all US and satellite troops from SVN. Also, Nixon continued his support of the dictatorial Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique. The enemy wanted to lessen the distinction between the aggressor and the oppressed and between President Nixon's fraudulent peace initiatives and our willingness to seek a genuine peace.

Nixon proposed an on-the-spot cease-fire without mentioning the withdrawal of all US and satellite troops from SVN. This meant that he will continue his plan of aggression in SVN and prolong the US occupation of the country. At the same time, he is making every effort to legalize this occupation.

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Persistenty retaining the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique, Nixon intends to use this clique to prolong the war. Therefore, the purpose of his Vietnamisation program was to prolong the war, not to restore peace to VN.

Nixon brought about this deceptive peace plan with a view to deceive public opinion, cope with our diplomatic victories and conceal his aggressive scheme. But sooner or later, he will be exposed by the people of the world, even by those of SVN and the US.

After the cease-fire, it is necessary to make our cadre, soldiers and people clearly realize that the strategy of the US aggressors is to claim peace and at the same time proceed with the scheme of aggression by prolonging the war.

It is the US imperialists who impetuously moved into our country for aggressive purposes. They have committed many war crimes, causing our people much mourning and suffering. Consequently, our people had no choice but to stand up against the US. Only when our people achieve independence and freedom will genuine peace come.

The SVN people have spent a quarter of a century fighting aggression. They have fought for their country and endured so many hardships, they now earnestly long for peace, a genuine peace with independence and freedom, not a peace in slavery imposed by Nixon.

Nixon proposed an unconditional cease-fire while the US and satellite troops remain in SVN. The US wants to maintain the bloodthirsty Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique in order to have its occupation of SVN legalized.

The Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique is urgently trying to force our people to lay down their weapons and surrender.

The US imperialists called for an unconditional cease-fire; but in fact, they want to force our people to accept absurd conditions. They want to force us to recognize the US occupation of our country and the leadership of the despotic Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique and deny our fundamental national rights.

For the sake of independence, freedom, peace and neutrality ((sic)), our SVN people are willing to cease fire and accept conditions for the ending of the war. But these conditions must be based on the withdrawal of US and satellite troops from SVN within a specified period as mentioned in the 8-point peace proposals of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of SVN. Also the US must abandon the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique and form a new government without the participation of Thieu, Ky or Khiem, to seriously negotiate with the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of SVN.

Only in this way will we enjoy genuine peace and independence.

We must always be alert against illusions of peace and deceitful schemes by Nixon.

Concerning the Nixon proposal for a peace conference on Indochina and the exchange of PW's, we must also expose this as a scheme to appease public opinion and turn it in his favor, and to conceal his failure to propose a withdrawal of US troops and the abandonment of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique.

Referring to the Lao and Cambodian problems, we must make it clear that the disturbances in these two countries resulted from US aggressive actions.

Any problems concerning these two countries must be settled by Lao and Cambodian governments and their patriotic forces. To have genuine peace in Laos and Cambodia, the US must first withdraw its troops from these countries and leave the settlement of internal troubles to the peoples of Cambodia and Laos.

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Under no circumstances can the US interfere in their affairs.

Peace in Vietnam as well as in Laos and Cambodia does not depend upon open or private talks, but on the US giving up its willful aggression. Therefore, the US proposal for a peace conference on Indochina merely further complicates the situation.

The above points must be emphasized in our propaganda campaign, which is aimed at informing the public of the insidious nature of Nixon's peace initiative. Branches, localities and units must scrupulously study this directive and explain it to the people, cadre, Party members and soldiers.

The Province Propaganda and Training Sections must compose documents concerning this problem to facilitate propaganda and indoctrination activities of branches, localities and units.

Experiences drawn from the recent political reorientation campaign must be applied in implementing this directive. It is more urgent than ever that we step up political and ideological tasks in order to counter all unrealistic hopes for peace, kindle the resentment of our soldiers and people against the enemy, and motivate them to perform every mission aggressively.

Make note of ideology among our cadre, soldiers, Party members and people through their performance of missions. At the same time, uphold their fighting spirit.

Because "nothing is more precious than independence and freedom," we must strive to act upon Uncle Ho's testament by boldly fighting the US aggressors until none of them is left in this country.

2. Operations:

a. Localities, units, and agencies, according to their particular situation, should organize meetings to criticize enemy schemes, heighten political awareness of our cadre, soldiers, and Party members, and stir up their hatred of the enemy.

b. Regarding the population in liberated areas and areas under our control, explain the enemy's cunning scheme to them. Make them thoroughly aware of the insidious nature of the US peace initiative. Arouse their resentment against US intransigence and trickery. Stimulate them to fight the enemy to the end disregarding hardships and the ferocity of combat in the struggle for genuine independence and freedom.

c. In cities, towns, districts, areas under our control, relocation areas, and fringe areas, use all means to intensify propaganda activities to counter slanderous and delusive rumors spread by the enemy.

Proper propaganda plans should be formulated. Encourage the people to listen to the liberation and Hanoi radio broadcasts to stay abreast of the actual situation.

In cities and towns, pay particular attention to widely disseminating the eight-point peace proposals of Foreign Affairs Minister Nguyễn Thi Bình and leaflets exposing the deceitful peace initiative of the enemy.

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K.555 and K.170 ((sic)) must keep abreast of the situation in cities and towns to take appropriate and timely action. At the same time, they must gather ideas from various classes of people (workers, students, notables ((sic))...) and forward them to the propaganda and training section for dissemination through radio or newspaper.

d. The enemy and military proselyting section must formulate proper plans and take appropriate measures against the enemy soldiers, and demonstrate our willingness to seek peace as reflected by the eight-point peace proposals of Foreign Affairs Minister Nguyễn Thi Bình, and the Nixon's deception in making public his 5-point peace initiative.

3. Branches, localities, and units must closely follow the results of propaganda activities and submit pertinent reports to F.55 for timely action in order to heighten revolutionary pride and the determination of the people, soldiers and Party members.

We must remind branches, localities and units that listening to enemy radio broadcasts is strictly forbidden for all personnel. Those disobeying will be subject to disciplinary action.

In conjunction with the execution of this directive, branches, localities, and units must also accomplish their immediate missions.

The US defeat is obvious, but the enemy still stubbornly refuses to accept it.

Since the political reorientation, our cadre, Party members, soldiers and people have made progress in ideology.

However, indications of rightism, fear of a protracted war, and the fierceness of combat, and peace illusions still prevail. If they are not eliminated quickly, our movement will be badly affected. As a result, this directive must be strictly followed.

Pertinent reports should be submitted to F.55 for appropriate leadership to enhance the revolutionary pride and determination of our people, cadre, Party members and soldiers.

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