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RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS

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A. QUAN DOI NHAN DAN ARTICLE

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15 November 1970, broadcast a Quan Doi Nhan Dan article:
"We are resolved to counter U.S. aggressive moves")

According to AP, the U.S. jet reconnaissance plane which was downed by the armed forces and people of Ha Tinh on 13 November was an F-4. The two pilots might be killed. A number of U.S. and British radio stations have reported this fact, (words indistinct) had openly infringed upon the security and territorial integrity of the northern part of our country and were appropriately punished. And what about the reactions of the White House and the Pentagon? Only a few hours after this U.S. aircraft was downed, U.S. Defense Secretary Laird threatened the Vietnamese people by saying that the United States is ready to adopt appropriate action, and that the United States is ready to resume the bombings of the North Vietnamese air-defense positions should North Viet Nam continue to attack U.S. reconnaissance planes, AP on 13 November reported.

Laird's language cannot frighten the Vietnamese people in anyway. It only further exposes the obdurate and aggressive features of the Americans and deepens the Vietnamese people's hatred. As for the Vietnamese people, their one and only answer is: "To promptly and accurately counter all piratical acts of the aggressors". To defend the independence and security of the country is the Vietnamese people's sacred and legitimate right of self-defense. All U.S. violations of DRV airspace, territorial waters and territory are crimes of aggression and must be duly punished. This has always been the Vietnamese people's will and iron-like determination. The fact that U.S. reconnaissance aircraft have continued to infringe upon North Vietnamese airspace and the recent threat of Defense Secretary Laird are all part of the recent schemes and acts of the U.S. imperialists who are stubbornly intensifying and expanding their aggressive war against Indochinese countries. With respect to North Viet Nam, in October, U.S. aircraft made about 1,540 sorties on 910 occasions over almost North Vietnamese provinces and cities. In 22 days, F-52s bombers dropped thousands of tons of bombs over Western Vinh Linh while tactical aircraft let loose some 2,900 demolition bombs and

85,000 steel-pellet bombs over various areas in Quang Binh and Vinh Linh.

In South Viet Nam, the Americans are intensifying the special pacification plan, and are taking advantage of typhoon and floods to carry out their mopping up operations, to herd the people into their concentration camps and to step up their Vietnamization plan.

In Cambodia, the Americans are forcing the Saigon puppet troops to carry out mopping up operations (words indistinct) and to commit bloody crimes against the Khmer people. Since 26 October, on their U.S. bosses' order, 6,000 Saigon puppet troops, with air and artillery support, entered the southeastern part of Cambodia to carry out mopping up operations in the Parrot's Peak area, Svay Rieng province, and in the Fishhook area, Kompong Cham province. Apart from the forty million-dollar aid to Cambodia, the Americans are also planning to bring an additional 120 million dollars to the Lon Nol clique by mid-1971, according to UPI on 6 November.

In Laos, the Americans are launching large-scale military operations. The enemy has also admitted that Southern Laos has been the most severely hit in the history of the Indochina war, according to UPI on 5 November. In only 4 weeks, beginning 8 October, F-52's made some 900 sorties while jet fighters made thousands of sorties, dropping more than 60,000 tons of bombs on many targets in Southern Laos.

Top U.S. military commanders such as Air Secretary Seamans and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Moorer recently arrived in South Viet Nam, (words indistinct) to prepare for new adventurous acts. It is obvious that in their confusion and defeat the U.S. aggressors are making desperate efforts and stepping up criminal acts of war. However obstinate the aggressors may be, though, they can never find out a way-out in a position of strength. Even vigilant and ready for combat, the people and armed forces of the North are resolutely siding with their kith-and-kin southern compatriots, and with the Laotian and Cambodian peoples to deal hard blows at the enemy, and to step up their anti-U.S. national salvation struggle till final victory.