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II. HANOI DECLARES U.S. AIR STRIKES AND
RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS OVER DRV
IN 1970, MORE NUMEROUS THAN IN 1969

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Reviewing the reported military situation in Viet Nam, Laos, and Cambodia from 16 to 22 November, we cannot forget this event: The U.S. imperialists have just committed additional, extremely serious war crimes against the northern part of our country. On 21 November 1970, Nixon ordered a great number of fighters to provoke and raid many provinces far inside DRV territory.

From 0230 hours to 0330 hours, many groups of U.S. aircraft violated the airspaces over Hai Phong, Quang Ninh, Ha Tinh, and Hoa-Binh, and strafed a number of populated areas, inflicting a number of casualties on civilians and wounding a number of pilots under detention. Afterward, from 0900 hours to 1000 hours, many groups of U.S. aircraft continued to repeatedly raid a number of populated areas, communication lines, and economic installations in Quang Binh and Ha Tinh provinces.

But those who play with fire will be burned. The U.S. aggressors were properly punished. With a spirit of vigilance, combat readiness, solidarity, close coordination, and determination to fight and win, the anti-aircraft units and our armed forces and people in these areas shot down five jet fighters and one helicopter and damaged many others. This was a day of great victories for our northern armed forces and people. The number of U.S. aircraft blasted to pieces over the North from 5 August 1964 to 21 November 1970 was 3,370.

Nixon and company are facing the waves of protests and firm warnings from the Vietnamese armed forces and people and the stern condemnations of world public opinion, including the U.S. people. Nixon and the U.S. commanders in the Pentagon cannot deny the fact that in 1969, U.S. aircraft flew 11,980 sorties to carry out 7,974 reconnaissance missions over the DRV. During the first 10 months of this year, the number of U.S. reconnaissance missions over the North increased by 3,210 missions as compared with the total of last year. Whereas there were 657 U.S. air raids against the DRV territory in 1969, they increased to 1,021 during the first 10 months of this year. Our northern armed forces and people have properly met the U.S. aggressors' provocation. Since November 1968, they have blasted to pieces 127 U.S. manned or unmanned reconnaissance planes and aircraft of other types.