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PRG FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ON DEATH OF U.S. OFFICIAL

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[Text] The PRGRSV Foreign Ministry spokesman on 7 January 1975 pointed out that the death in Tuy Hoa of William Bennett, a 36-year-old officer in charge of political affairs of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, is undeniable proof that the United States has left behind in South Vietnam U.S. military personnel disguised as civilians who are directing the affairs of the Saigon puppet administration, even at the local level. The PRGRSV Foreign Ministry spokesman vehemently denounced the U.S. administration's direct interference in the internal affairs of South Vietnam.

Front Radio Comment

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[Text] REUTER reports that on 4 January, a U.S. officer, William Bennett, was killed by explosives in his private residence in Tuy Hoa. It added that Bennett was an Army officer charged with reporting the local situation to the American consulate general in Nha Trang.

Earlier, on 3 January, an Air America C-123 with an American aboard crashed in Dalat, the same news agency added. As everyone knows, Air America supports CIA activities to help further U.S. interference in the south and other Indochinese countries and in other countries of the world.

These two events clearly show that, in addition to maintaining an apparatus to direct war activities and leaving behind and introducing tens of thousands more military personnel disguised as civilians, the U.S. Government is directing the lackey Nguyen Van Thieu clique and using it to continue the war, thus piling up many more crimes against the South Vietnamese people.

It should be recalled that Article 5 of the Paris agreement on Vietnam prescribed that the Americans must be withdrawn from South Vietnam--all their troops, military advisers, and civilian personnel, including technical and military personnel associated with the pacification program, and all U.S. advisers and advisers of the allies of the Americans and the Saigon administration to all paramilitary operations and the police force.

However, over the past nearly 2 years since the signing of the Paris agreement, the U.S. Government has not only refused to fully implement the agreement but has grossly trampled on all its provisions. In addition to massively rushing in dollars, armaments and war materiel to support the Nguyen Van Thieu clique, the U.S. Government has many times sent high-ranking officials and military advisers disguised as civilians to the south to concoct plots to pile up more crimes against our people.

In early September 1974, U.S. ruling circles sent seven U.S. advisers to live in a house on Quang Trung street in Tan An city, Long An Province, to devise plans for hundreds of nibbling operations against the areas bordering the Vam Co Dong and Vam Co Tay rivers.

Then, on 5 December 1974, U.S. ruling circles sent Mendolia, U.S. assistant secretary of defense in charge of installations and logistics, and U.S. Vice Admiral Weschler, director of installations and logistics of the office of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to head a logistics delegation to Saigon to discuss with Thieu the illegal introduction of armaments into South Vietnam. Members of this U.S. logistics delegation also went to the various military regions and acted like ruling mandarins, urging the collection of taxes and raking in of our people's property to support war.

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DEMONSTRATION HELD AGAINST INVASION OF PHUOC LONG

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[Text] Saigon, Jan 7 (AFP)--About 200 persons held a brief demonstration here this morning before the headquarters of the International Commission of Control and Supervision of the cease-fire (ICCS) to protest against the communist invasion of Phuoc Long Province.

The demonstrators were members of the People's Anti-Communist Fighting Committee of Saigon-Gia Dinh Province.

They handed to the head of the Polish delegation, who is at present ICCS chairman, a motion calling on him to compel the communists to seriously apply the Paris agreements, by answering the call of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam, last November 7, that negotiations between the two South Vietnamese sides should be immediately resumed, without preliminary conditions.

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