

FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ATTACKS U.S. WARSHIP DEPLOYMENT

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[DRV Foreign Ministry's Spokesman Condemns U.S. Dispatch of Warship Into Cambodia's Territorial Waters]

[Text] Hanoi VNA March 6--A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam today issued the following statement:

"On March 4, 1975 the Washington POST reported that the U.S. helicopter-carrier Okinawa with about 1,500 Marines aboard has been ordered into Cambodia's territorial waters and that force of U.S. Marines in Okinawa has been put on alert to prepare 'to evacuate American citizens from Phnom Penh' in case it is needed. On March 5, 1975, UPI also reported that the Saigon puppet administration was forming a shock unit to be used in the evacuation.

"This is a very serious act of aggression taken by the United States in an attempt to use its air forces and Saigon puppet troops against the Cambodian people. While the U.S. is seeking to increase military aid to the Lon Nol junta and supply them with new-type extermination weapons, this action proves clearly that the U.S. remains bent on stepping up its war of aggression in Cambodia in violation of the Paris agreement on Vietnam.

"The DRVN Foreign Ministry strongly denounces and vehemently condemns this cynical act of aggression of the U.S. the U.S. Government and the Saigon administration must bear full responsibility for all the consequences arising from their actions."