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HANOI ATTACKS FORD'S APRIL 10 SPEECH TO CONGRESS

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[Text] On the evening of 10 April, U.S. President Gerald Ford delivered a speech on the world situation before the U.S. Congress.

The part of the speech dealing with the situation in Vietnam proves that the Ford administration remains very stubborn. Although he had to acknowledge that the Thieu clique is in a critical situation, Ford ballyhooed that this lackey clique may have some chance for success if it receives additional U.S. aid.

While his request for \$300 million in supplemental military aid to Thieu has not yet been considered by the U.S. Congress, Ford asked in his 10 April speech that Congress appropriate as much as \$972 million in aid to Thieu. This includes \$722 million in military aid and \$250 million in "economic and humanitarian" aid, which is in fact disguised military aid. Part of this "economic and humanitarian" aid would be used to implement the sinister scheme to force the South Vietnamese people to evacuate.

In an effort to disguise direct U.S. military intervention in South Vietnam, Ford asked Congress to authorize him to use U.S. military forces for what he deceitfully described as "to protect the evacuation of Americans from South Vietnam when necessary."

In his 10 April speech, Ford reiterated that the United States will continue to implement the criminal plan for relocation of the South Vietnamese people. He urged Congress to reconsider the laws in force, so as to permit him to evacuate millions of South Vietnamese to the United States with a view to using them to support sinister, long-term schemes.

The proposals Ford put before the U.S. Congress show that he has not yet learned the necessary lesson from the puppet troops' recent strategic defeat. Rather, he remains intent on intensifying the U.S. military involvement and interference in the internal affairs of South Vietnam in brazen violation of the Paris agreement.

Despite the fact that the U.S.-Thieu clique's acts are the cause of the present situation in South Vietnam, Ford hypocritically called on the South Vietnamese armed forces and people to cease firing. This means that he wants to deprive the South Vietnamese people of their legitimate right to punish the enemy in order to protect the Paris agreement.

Dealing with the situation in Cambodia, Ford described it as tragic. Although he had to sadly acknowledge that it is now too late for the United States and the Phnom Penh lackey clique, he persisted in urging Congress to endorse his proposal for providing this clique \$222 million in supplemental aid.