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PRGRSV, FOREIGN MINISTRY 20 APR STATEMENT ON EVACUATION OF AMERICANS

Liberation Radio [Clandestine] in Vietnamese to South Vietnam 0045 GMT 21 Apr 75 SG

[Text of 20 April statement of the PRGRSV Foreign Ministry]

[Text] The Ford administration is currently carrying out the evacuation of Americans in South Vietnam while simultaneously plotting to take a number of Vietnamese who have collaborated with the United States along with these American evacuees.

This move by the Ford administration is part of an evil scheme aimed at asking for additional aid for the Nguyen Van Thieu clique, continuing U.S. involvement and direct military intervention in South Vietnam, preventing the collapse of the lackey clique and stubbornly opposing the earnest aspirations of the South Vietnamese people.

In its statements of 7 April and 12 April 1975, the PRGRSV clearly pointed out: As the South Vietnamese people and the PRGRSV guaranteed safety for the withdrawal of tens of thousands of U.S. expeditionary troops following the signing of the Paris agreement, there will certainly be no difficulty or obstacle to the withdrawal of U.S. military personnel who are illegally present in South Vietnam in the guise of civilians.

If the U.S. Government strictly implemented the Paris agreement and really cared about American lives, it would have taken these Americans out of South Vietnam long ago with the transportation means that it has used to move weapons to South Vietnam illegally and carry out the forcible evacuation and abduction of Vietnamese children. It would not have had to waste hundreds of millions of dollars and deploy U.S. warships and marines to carry out this criminal evacuation plan.

The PRGRSV believes that with its transportation means, the United States can withdraw all of its disguised military personnel still present in South Vietnam in a short period-- 2 or 3 days and even within 24 hours--without meeting any difficulty or obstacle.

As far as foreign residents in South Vietnam, including U.S. residents, are concerned, the PRGRSV policy is to protect their lives and property, provided that they respect the independence and sovereignty of Vietnam and the PRGRSV law.

The PRGRSV welcomes those foreign residents who have contributed to the struggle of the South Vietnamese to achieve independence and freedom and to build their country.

With regard to the Vietnamese who have cooperated with the Americans, as the 25 March 1975 seven-point policy and the 1 April 1975 10-point PRGRSV policy point out, they will be treated kindly in the spirit of national reconciliation and concord and the spirit of eliminating all suspicion and hatred.

Realities in the newly liberated areas completely refute the myth about "tragic massacres" and "bloodletting" that the United States and its lackeys have fabricated.

The way that is correct and consistent with the Paris agreement is that the Ford administration must end its military involvement in South Vietnam, quickly and completely withdraw all U.S. military personnel disguised as civilians from South Vietnam, and leave the South Vietnamese people to exercise their genuine right to self-determination without foreign intervention. If it continues to implement its aggressive neocolonialist policy in South Vietnam, as it is doing now, it must be held entirely responsible for all consequences of its acts.

AFP Claims 24 Hour Truce Proposed

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[Text] Bangkok, April 2 (AFP)--The Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam today offered a 24-hour truce to allow the departure of American civilian officials and military personnel.

The offer, in the form of a communique from the PRGRSV Foreign Ministry, was read out over Vietcong radio monitored here.

The communique confirmed indications in Saigon over the weekend that the PRG demands the departure of United States Ambassador Graham Martin.

While calling for departure of official U.S. personnel, the PRG communique pledged to assure the safety of foreigners, including Americans, who choose to remain in South Vietnam to carry on their work--on condition that they respect the law as dictated by the PRG.

The communique promises "pardon" to all Vietnamese who have worked with U.S.-interests provided that they rally to the "people's cause" immediately.

PRGRSV Official Denies Report

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[Text] Saigon, Apr 21 (AFP)--The Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) today denied a report that it had offered a 24-hour truce in order to enable U.S. officials to leave South Vietnam.

In reference to a statement made by the PRG Foreign Ministry last night, Maj Phuong Nam, PRG spokesman here, said there had been no mention of a truce. What the Foreign Ministry statement had said, Major Nam explained, was that the PRG would not obstruct an American evacuation. That was not the same thing as a truce, he said.

There had been a misinterpretation of the Foreign Ministry communique, which was broadcast over the PRG's Liberation Radio last night.