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MINISTRY SPOKESMAN CONDEMNS CONTINUED PRESENCE OF U.S. SHIPS

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[1 May Foreign Ministry spokesman statement]

[Text] According to UPI, on 30 April 1975 Joseph Laitin, spokesman for the U.S. Defense Department, stated that at present the United States is maintaining some navy ships off the South Vietnam coast, allegedly to receive refugees from South Vietnam.

This statement by the United States indicates that it is still continuing its forcible evacuation plan in South Vietnam, thereby interfering in the internal affairs of South Vietnam and violating Articles 1, 4 and 9 of the Paris agreement on Vietnam.

The DRV Foreign Ministry severely condemns this action of the United States and resolutely demands that the U.S. Government immediately end its criminal forcible evacuation plan, immediately withdraw all U.S. ships now operating in the sea off the South Vietnam coast, and not interfere in the internal affairs of South Vietnam.