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PRGRSV SPOKESMAN DENOUNCES U.S. SCHEME TO SEIZE FLEEING CRAFT

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[Text of 2 May PRGRSV Foreign Ministry spokesman statement "condemning the United States for plotting to seize vessels and aircraft owned by the South Vietnamese people"]

[Text] After having been totally defeated in South Vietnam, many officers and personnel of the puppet Saigon army and administration have, on fleeing to foreign countries, taken with them many warships to Subic Bay in the Philippines, Guam in the United States, Taiwan and Malaysia. They have also taken hundreds of aircraft and many warships to Thailand.

At present, the United States is plotting to carry out a plan to seize these aircraft and warships which the puppet troops took with them to the aforementioned countries, as well as other warships now fleeing at sea.

As pointed out in the 30 April 1975, PRGRSV Foreign Ministry statement, all these warships and aircraft are the property of the South Vietnamese people and thereby of the PRGRSV. The PRGRSV declares that it reserves the right to recover all of this property.

The Foreign Ministry of the Republic of South Vietnam severely condemns the aforementioned U.S. seizure scheme and resolutely demands that the United States immediately desist from its plan.

The Foreign Ministry of the Republic of South Vietnam requests that the governments of those countries which have received the aforementioned warships and aircraft return them to the PRGRSV. If they allow the United States to seize these aircraft and warships, they will have to bear full responsibility.

South Vietnam, 2 May 1975.