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— HANOI PAPER CONDEMNS JOHNSON CLIQUE 'S
BELLICOSITY AND OB DURACY.

HANOI VNA JANUARY 28. - CONDEMNING THE ORDU RATE AND
BELLICOSE ATTITUDE OF THE JOHNSON AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THE
VIET NAM PROBLEM, NHAN DAN'S " COMMENTATOR " TODAY STRESSED
THAT THIS IS THE DIRECT CAUSE OF THE PROLONGATION OF THE VIET
NAM WAR.

THE UOISS WARMONGERS MUST BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL
CONSEQUENCES ARISING THEREFROM, THE COMMENTATOR STATED.

POINTING TO THE EVER STRONGER WORLD PROTEST AGAINST
THE UOISS BELLICOSITY AND OB DURACY, THE COMMENTATOR SAID:

FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT OF JANUARY 28, 1967 AND THE
SPEECH OF DECEMBER 29, 1967 OF DDDR RVNN FOREIGN MINISTER
NGUYEN DUY TRINH, THE PEOPLE AND PRESS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES,
MANY GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING UOISS ALLIES, AND EVEN SOME AMERI -
CAN POLITICAL CIRCLES HAVE DEMANDED THE UOISS GOVERNMENT TO
STOP UNCONDITIONALLY THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIET NAM WITH A
VIEW TO CREATING CONDITIONS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR THE CESSATION
OF THE WAR IN VIET NAM AND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE VIET
NAM ISSUE. BROAD PUBLIC OPINION UNANIMOUSLY HOLDS THAT AS
THE UOISS HAS BEEN BOMBING THE DD RR VV NN, AN INDEPENDENT AND
SOVEREIGN COUNTRY, IT MUST STOP UNCONDITIONALLY THIS ACT OF
WAR. THIS IS A VERY CLEAR AND JUST THING WHICH THE UOISS CANNOT
DENY.

YET, THE UOISS RULING CIRCLES STILL MAINTAIN A STUBZORN
ATTITUDE, THE COMMENTATOR SAID, HE ADDED:

IN FACE OF THE DDDR RVNN GOVERNMENT'S CORRECT STAND AND
UNDER THE PRESSURE OF PUBLIC OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES
AND THE WORLD OVER, THEY AMBIGUOUSLY CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE
STILL " EXPLORING " THE STATEMENT OF THE DDDR RVNN FOREIGN MINIS -
TRY. IN FACT, THE STAND OF THE UOISS WAS CLEARLY EXPOUNDED BY
JOHNSON LAST JANUARY 17 WHEN HE REPEATED HIS " SAN ANTONIO
FORMULA " IN WHICH THE UOISS IMPERIALISTS PUT INSOLENT CONDI -
TIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR A HALT OF THEIR BOMBING.

THE COMMENTATOR CONTINUED:

THE " RECIPROCITY " PLEA PUT FORTH BY JOHNSON AND CO
IS BUT A TRICK TO CONFUSE RIGHT AND WRONG, JUSTICE AND INJUS -
TICE, AND THE AGGRESSOR AND THE DEFENDER OF NATIONAL INDEPEN -
DENCE AND FREEDOM. THE JOHNSON CLIQUE HOPE TO DECEIVE PUBLIC
OPINION IN THE UOISS AND THE WORLD, AND ARE SEEKING PRETEXT
TO INTENSIFY AND EXPAND THEIR AGGRESSIVE WAR IN VIET NAM.

THIS HAS BEEN SHOWN BY THE RECENT STATEMENTS AND ACTS OF
THE UOISS RULERS. IN HIS " STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE " JOHNSON
REPEATEDLY STATED THAT THE UOISS GOVERNMENT WAS IN A POSITION TO ACCES -

LOR BUNDY AND THE LIKE, ALSO STATED THAT THE U.S.S. ROSS
(NOT) STOP BOMBING NORTH VIET NAM.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COMMENTATOR FURTHER POINTED OUT THE U.S.S. IMPERIALISTS CONTINUE SENDING TENS OF THOUSANDS MORE TROOPS TO SOUTH VIET NAM AND INCREASED CONSCRIPTION IN THE U.S.S. BESIDES, THEY HAVE BOMBED HAIPHONG PORT, THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF LANG SON AND OTHER HEAVILY POPULATED AREAS IN NORTH VIET NAM AND EVEN ATTACKED FOREIGN MERCHANT SHIPS FREQUENTING HAIPHONG. THEY HAVE MADE PUBLIC THEIR SCHEME TO SET UP A "MECHANICAL WARNING SYSTEM" THROUGH LAOS, AND EXPAND THEIR WAR FROM VIET NAM TO LAOS AND CAMBODIA. IN FACE OF THE DECISION OF THE SOUTH VIET NAM NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION TO SUSPEND MILITARY OPERATIONS FOR 7 (SEVEN) DAYS ON THE FORTHCOMING LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL, THE U.S.S. AND ITS SAIGON HENCHMEN HAD TO DECALRE A TWO DAY CEASEFIRE BUT LATER SHORTENED THE CEASEFIRE PERIOD FROM 48 (FOUREIGHT) HOURS TO 36 (THREESIX) HOURS.

THE COMMENTATOR UNDERLINED :

THE JOHNSON CLIQUE'S WORDS AND DEEDS AMPLY SHOW THAT THEY OBSTINATELY REFUSE TO SETTLE THE VIET NAM PROBLEM PEACEFULLY. INSTEAD, ARE FEVERISHLY INTENSIFYING THEIR AGGRESSIVE WAR DESPITE THEIR HEAVY FAILURES AND STALEMATE. THE SOCALLED " DESIRE FOR PEACE " THEY HAVE BOASTED ABOUT IS BUT DECEPTION.

SO LONG AS THE U.S.S. WARMONGERS ARE RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP THEIR AGGRESSIVE SCHEME AND CONTINUE FEVERISHLY INTENSIFYING THEIR DIRTY WAR, THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO FIGHT EVER HARDER TO FOIL THIS DARK DESIGN, TO DEFEND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM TILL FINAL VICTORY. THE COMMENTATOR CONCLUDED. /

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--- VIET NAM FATHERLAND FRONT LEADER SENDS
LUNAR NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

HANOI VNA JANUARY 28. -- THE HANOI DAILY NHAN DAN TODAY FRONTPAGED THE LUNAR NEW YEAR MESSAGES SENT BY TON DUC THANG, PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDUUM OF THE VIET NAM FATHERLAND FRONT CENTRAL COMMITTEE, TO PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH, TO LAWYER NGUYEN HUU THO, LEADER OF THE SOUTH VIET NAM NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION, AND TO THE ENTIRE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

TON DUC THANG'S MESSAGE TO THE ENTIRE PEOPLE SAID:

" IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH'S CALL TO FIGHT THE U.S.S. AGGRESSORS AND SAVE THE COUNTRY, THE VIETNAMESE ARMY AND PEOPLE LAST YEAR RECORDED GLORIOUS SUCCESSES.

IN SOUTH VIET NAM, THE LIBERATION ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE SMASHED THE ENEMY'S SECOND DRY SEASON STRATEGIC COUNTER - OFFENSIVE AND OBTAINED IMPORTANT VICTORIES DURING THE RECENT WET SEASON AND THE CURRENT DRY SEASON, DRIVING THE 1.2 (ONE POINT TWO) MILLION U.S.S. PUPPET AND SATELLITE TROOPS INTO A SERIOUS PASSIVENESS AND PREDICAMENT.

IN NORTH VIET NAM, OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE SHOT DOWN OVER 2,700 (TWOSEVENZEROZERO) U.S.S. AIRCRAFT AND, DESPITE EVER HARSHER WAR CONDITIONS, RECORDED BIG ACHIEVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, CARRYING ON THE BUILDING OF SOCIALISM EVER MORE STEADILY."