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(TEXT) QUESTION: SINCE THE START OF THE VIETNAM TALKS IN PARIS,
HAS THERE BEEN ANY PROGRESS WHATSOEVER IN ANY OF THE SUBJECTS OF
DISCUSSION?

IF NOTT, WHAT IS THE REASON FOR YOUR DELEGATION TO CONTINUE
THESE TALKS? WOULD TWO MONTHS OF PROBING WITHOUT SUCCESS WHATSOEVER
NOTT BE ENOUGH, F NOTT TOO MUCH?

OR WOULD YOU SAY THAT IT IS AT LEAST OF SOME INTEREST TO YOU
TO HEAR THE OPINIONS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS
RELATED TO THE VIETNAMESE QUESTIONS?

WERE, AT LAST, THESE AMERICAN OHINIONS OF SOME VALUE TO YOU,
AND D D THEY GIVE YOU SMME REASON TO EVALUATE YOUR OWN POINTS OF VIEW?

IF THERE WAS NO PROGRESS WHATSOEVER IN E TALKS, WHAT IS
THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MR LE DUC THO'S JOURNEY TO PARIS, HIS RECENT
JOURNEY BACK TO HANOI, AND HIS CONSULTATIONS THERE:

WHAT HOPES DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE PARIS TALKS?

ANSWER: ACCORDING TO THE 3 THREE APRIT AND THE 3 THREE MAY
1968 ONENINESIXEIGHT STATEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AS REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE DRV GOVERNMENT I HAVE COME TM PARIS FOR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WITH A VIEW TO DEMANDING THE UNCONDITIONAL CESSATION BY THE UNITED STATES OF ITS BOMBING RAIDS AND ALL OTHER ACTS OF WAR AGAINST THE DRV, AND, THEREAFTER, DISCUSSING OTHER PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARTIES. THE CONVERSATIONS HAVE LASTED FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS NOW, BUT NO PROGRESS IN THE (WORDS INDISTINCT) HAS BEEN MADE YET. THIS IS BECAUSE THE AMERICAN SIDE HAS PERSISTENTLY HELD ON TO ITS COLONIALIST POSITION OF AGGRESSION AND DEMANDED A RECIPROCITY.

THE AMERICAN SIDE SPREADS RUMORS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN PROGRESS, RAYS OF HOPE, AND STRAWS IN THE WIND... IN THE PARIS CONVERSATIONS, JUST TO DECEIVE PUBLIC OPINION, TO SERVE THE ELECTIONEERING CAMPAIGN IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO APPEASE THE MOVEMENT OF THE AMERICAN AND WORLD PEOPLE NOW DEMANDING THAT THE UNITED STATES STOP ITS WAR OF AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM.

THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCED THE LIMITED BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM, BUT, IN REALITY, IT HAS CONCENTRATED AND EVEN CONSIDERABLY INCREASED THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT AND THE QUANTITY OF BOMBS HERETOFORE USED AGAINST THE WHOLE OF NORTH VIETNAM, NOW TO ATTACK THE FOUR PROVINCES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE DRV STRETCHING FROM THANH HOA TO VINH TINH. MOREOVER, IT HAS LAUNCHED EXTREMELY CRUEL B-52 RPT B-52 BOMBINGS ON QUANG BINH PROVINCE, THE VINH LINH AREA, AND THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

THIS PERFIDIOUS ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ADMITTED BY U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY CLARK CLIFFORD IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

THE CONCENTRATION OF OUR EFFORT ON A MORE LIMITED TARGET HAS IN SOME RESPECTS PRODUCED MORE DIVIDENDS AND REWARDS THAN IF THE BOMBING WERE SPREAD OVER A LARGER AREA. MORE 280707 SHEEHAN/AT
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(TEXT) IN THE MEANTIME, THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN CEASELESSLY INTENSIFYING ITS WAR OF AGGRESSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM, INCREASING THE EFFECTIVES OF U.S., SATELLITE, AND PUPPET TROOPS THERE, AND

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HAS BEEN LAUNCHING EXTREMELY BARBAROUS B-52 RPT B-52 BOMBINGS ON THE SURROUNDINGS OF SAIGON, HUE, AND ON MANY OTHER LOCALITIES.

RECENTLY, U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY CLARK CLIFFORD CAME TO SOUTH VIETNAM TO WORK OUT PLANS FOR STEPPING UP THE WAR, AND U.S. PRESIDENT JOHNSON MET THE VIETNAMESE TRAITOR NGUYEN VAN THIEU AT HONOLULU FOR THE SAME PURPOSE OF INTENSIFYING WAR AND TO ASSURE THE CONTINUED MAINTAINING OF THE SAIGON PUPPET REGIME, SO AS TO USE IT AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE U.S. NEOCOLONIAL POLICY.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR LE DUC THO AS SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DRV GOVERNMENT IN PARIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR NORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL AND WORKING METHOD. AT THE 1962 ONENINE SIXTWO GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAOS, THERE WAS ALSO A SPECIAL ADVISER AMONG THE ADVISERS TO THE THEN REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

THERE IS NOTHING SPECIAL WITH MR LE DUC THO'S RETURN TO HANOI, SINCE APART FROM HIS WORK AS SPECIAL ADVISER IN PARIS, HE HAS OTHER WORK IN HANOI.

AS WE HAVE MANY A TIME STATED, IT IS WITH GOOD WILL AND SERIOUS INTENT THAT WE HAVE COME TO PARIS.

IF THE CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE TO MAKE NO PROGRESS, THE RESPONSIBILITY

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WILL (WORDS INDISTINCT) ENTIRELY ON THE AMERICAN SIDE.

QUESTION: IF THE AMERICANS WOULD STOP ALL THE BOMBING NORTH OF THE 17TH ONESEVENTH PARALLEL, HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND?

WOULD YOUR GOVERNMENT BE READY AFTER SUCH A COMPLETE SECESSION OF BOMBING TO NEGOTIATE WITHOUT DELAY SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, A LIMITATION OF ANY AID TO THE FORCES OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT IN THE SUTH, AND WOULD YOU BE READY TO OFFER YOUR GOOD SERVICES TO PERSUADE THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION TO STOP ALL THEIR OFFENSIVES IN THE SOUTH?

ANSWER: THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS ENGAGED OVER ONE I MHILLION TROOPS OF WHICH MORE THAN 500,000 RPT 500,000 (CONE--ED) FROM THE UNITED STATES AND MORE THAN 60,000 RPT 60,000 FROM ITS SATELLITE COUNTRIES, TO WAGE A WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST SOUTH VIETNAM. AT THE SAME TIME IT HAS LAUNCHED AN AIR AND NAVAL WAR OF DESTRUCTION AGAINST THE DRV. THIS IS WHY THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH HAVE ALIOTHEMER RISEN UP AGAINST THE U.S. AGGRESSORS AND LACKEYS, TO SAVE THEIR COUNTRY AND THEIR HOMES. THIS IS THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE OF A NATINN. MORE 280707 SHEEHAN/AT

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(TEXT) IN ORDER TO PEACEFULLY SOLVE THE VIETNAM PROBLEM, FIRST
OF ALL, THE UNITED STATES MUST UNCONDITIONALLY STOP ITS BOMBING
RAIDS AND ALL OTHER ACTS OF WAR AGAINST THE DRV. DISCUSSIONS WILL
THEREAFTER PROCEED TO OTHER QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARTIES.

THIS IS WHAT THE DRV GOVERNMENT HAD STATED BEFORE WE CAME TO
PARIS, AND WHAT WE HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED IN THE PARIS CONVERSATIONS.

AS TO WHAT THE OTHER QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARTIES ARE,
THEY WILL BE THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY EITHER PARTY AFTER THE UNITED
STATES HAS UNCONDITIONALLY STOPPED ITS BOMBINGS AND ALL OTHER ACTS
OF WAR ON THE WHOLE TERRITORY OF THE DRV.

QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT COULD YOU ENVISAGE
FOR SOUTH VIETNAM?

WOULD YOU SHARE THE VIEW THAT A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN SOUTH
VIETNAM SHOULD BE BASED ON FREE ELECTIONS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF ONE
MAN ONE VOTE?

WOULD YOU SHARE THE OPINION THAT SUCH FREE ELECTIONS SHOULD BE
SUPERVISED INTERNATIONALLY?

IF NOT SUPERVISED INTERNATIONALLY, COULD FREE ELECTIONS BE
SUPERVISED BY A VIETNAMESE BODY IF ALL POLITICAL FORCES HAD EQUAL
REPRESENTATION IN SUCH A SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE?

ANSWER: THE DRV GOVERNMENT HAS (WORD INDISTINCT) EXPUNDED ITS
FOUR-POINT STAND, AND THE NFLSV ITS POLITICAL PROGRAM. THESE
ARE THE CORRECT (WORDS INDISTINCT) A SETTLEMENT OF THE VIETNAM
PROBLEM THAT CONFORMS TO THE ACTUAL SITUATION IN VIETNAM, TO
THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE GOVERNING MAJORITY OF THE VIETNAMESE
PEOPLE, AND TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE 1954 GENINEFIVEFOUR
GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM, THIS IS THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY,
UNITY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF VIETNAM.

OF LATE, IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT THE MEMORANDUM ISSUED BY THE
DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY ON LAST 29 TWOZERO JULY, ON THE 14TH ONEFOUR
ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM HAS
BROUGHT SOME CHANGE TO THE THIRD POINT OF THE FOUR-POINT STAND OF
THE DRV. IT IS COMPLETELY WRONG. IN THE MEMORANDUM, THERE IS MENTION
AT MANY PLACES ABOUT THE FOUR-POINT STAND AND THE POLITICAL PROGRAM
AS HAS ALWAYS BEEN REFERRED TO BY OUR GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.
THERE IS NO CHANGE AT ALL.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THE RECENT RELEASE OF THREE
AMERICAN PILOTS BY THE DRV?

UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS WOULD THE DRV BE READY TO RELEASE ALL
AMERICAN PRISONERS?

ANSWER: BY ORDER OF U.S. WARLIKE RULING CIRCLES, THESE U.S. AIR

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PIRATES HAVE BONDED AND MASSACRED VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND HAVE
COMMITTED NUMEROUS CRIMES AGAINST VIETNAM, BUT WHEN THEY HAVE
BEEN CAPTURED BY THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, THE LATTER STILL GIVE
THEN A HUMANE TREATMENT. THE RECENT RELEASE OF THREE U.S. AIR
PIRATES HAS SHOWN THE HUMANITARIAN AND LENIENT POLICY OF THE
DRV GOVERNMENT. MORE 280707 SHEEHAN/AT 28/0852Z JUL
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(TEXT) QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR POSITION IN THE QUESTION OF THE
UNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM?

WOULD THE DRV BE READY TO RECOGNIZE AN INDEPENDENT SOUTH
VIETNAM?

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WOULD THE DRV BE READY TO RESPECT A STRICT NEUTRALITY OF
AN INDEPENDENT SOUTH VIETNAM?

ANSWER: NATIONAL REUNIFICATION IS AN EARNEST ASPIRATION OF THE
PEOPLE IN BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

THE PLATFORM OF THE VIETNAM FATHERLAND FRONT (IN NORTH VIETNAM)
AND THE POLITICAL PROGRAM OF THE NFLSV HAVE BOTH REFERRED TO THE
REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY ON THE BASIS OF DEMOCRACY AND
THROUGH A STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS. PENDING NATIONAL REUNIFICATION,
THE PEOPLE IN BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM WILL DEVELOP
ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ZONES AND WILL
BE FREE TO CORRESPOND WITH ONE ANOTHER, TO PAY MUTUAL VISITS,
AND SO FORTH.

THE DRV FULLY ENDORSES AND SUPPORTS THE POLITICAL PROGRAM OF
THE NFLSV AIMED AT BUILDING AN INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC,
PEACEFUL, NEUTRAL, AND PROSPEROUS SOUTH VIETNAM, AND AT GRADUALLY
ADVANCING TOWARD THE REUNIFICATION OF VIETNAM.

QUESTION: WOULD THE DRV BE READY TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONFERENCE
OF ALL SOUTHEAST ASIAN STATES WITH THE AIM TO SETTLE ALL ECONOMIC
AND MILITARY QUESTIONS IN THIS AREA?

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WOULD THE DRV BE READY TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROJECT OF THE (ZUN
ORGANIZATION) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEKONG RIVER AREA?

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL
PROJECT AND COOPERATION?

ANSWER: CONSIDERING THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD SPEND
ONE BILLION DOLLARS FOR A PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, WHEREAS IT HAS BEEN SPENDING ABOUT THIRTY
BILLION DOLLARS (WORDS INDISTINCT) FOR ITS WAR OF
AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM, ONE WOULD SEE THAT THE SAID ONE
BILLION IS BUT AN EMBODIMENT OF THE CARROT POLICY
THAT HIDES THE U.S. STICK.

WITH REGARD TO ITS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, VIETNAM CONSISTENTLY
STANDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP
WITH THEM, ON THE BASIS OF THE RESPECT FOR EACH OTHERS, INDEPENDENCE,
SOVEREIGNTY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, NONINTERFERENCE IN EACH
OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND MUTUAL BENEFIT. ENDALL 280787
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