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FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TEXT OF GVN OPENING STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR LAM AT 71ST PLENARY SESSION PARIS MEETINGS, JUNE 18, 1970, AS RELEASED TO PRESSM

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

AT THE LAST SESSION, YOUR SIDE AGAIN DECLARED THAT IT WILL NOT ENGAGE IN SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS AS LONG AS SATISFACTION IS NOT GIVEN TO ITS TWO DEMANDS, NAMELY, THE UNCONDITIONAL, UNILATERAL AND SPEEDY WITHDRAWAL OF ALLIED FORCES AND THE OVERTHROW OF THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

THERE IS NO SURE WAY TO BLOCK THESE MEETINGS THAN THE MANNER IN WHICH YOUR SIDE HAS PUT THE PROBLEM.

IN FACT, THROUGH THE PAST 70 SESSIONS, YOUR SIDE HAS INVARIABLY FORMULATED THE SAME DEMANDS, THUS PREVENTING THESE MEETINGS FROM MAKING THE SLIGHTEST PROGRESS.

YOUR SIDE'S DEMANDS ARE ACTUALLY PRE-CONDITIONS. THEY AMOUNT IN FACT TO NOTHING LESS THAN COMPELLING THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND THE UNITED STATES TO ACCEPT IN ADVANCE THAT YOUR SIDE'S AGGRESSION IS A FIGHT FOR A JUST CAUSE, THAT THE OBJECTIVE WHICH YOUR SIDE IS PURSUING IS PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE AND THAT YOUR SIDE WILL UNAVOIDABLY ACHIEVE FINAL VICTORY, IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY THE VICTORS. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS MEANS ACCEPTING BEFORE ANY DISCUSSION THAT THE STRUGGLE UNDERTAKEN BY THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM FOR ITS SELF-DEFENSE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ALLIES DOES NOT SERVE A JUST CAUSE, IS CONTRARY TO OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS AND IS IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. FURTHERMORE, THIS MEANS ACCEPTING THAT THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND ITS ALLIES UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE DEFEATED, AS IF THIS HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE.

FROM THESE PREMISES, YOUR SIDE HAS DRAWN THE CONCLUSION THAT TO PUT AN END TO THE WAR, THE ALLIED FORCES MUST WITHDRAW PURELY AND SIMPLY FROM SOUTH VIET-NAM UNCONDITIONALLY WHILE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN THERE

AND THAT THE CURRENT REGIME IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, ALTHOUGH IT IS ISSUED FROM THE FREE CHOICE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE POPULATION, MUST BE ABOLISHED TO GIVE WAY TO A REGIME, EITHER OF YOUR MAKING OR AT LEAST WITH YOUR BLESSING, AS A PRELUDE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNIST REGIME IN SOUTH VIET-NAM.

SUCH REASONING IS UTTERLY UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT IS CONTRARY TO LOGIC AND MORALITY, AND IN DISREGARD OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AS WELL AS OF THE REALITIES.

THERE IS NO NEED TO STRESS FURTHER FACTS WHICH ARE ALREADY WELL KNOWN: THAT ALL THE EVIDENCE SHOWS CLEARLY THAT THE VICTIM IN THE PRESENT WAR IS SOUTH VIET-NAM AND THE AGGRESSOR IS NONE OTHER THAN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS. NO ONE CAN AFFIRM THE CONTRARY.

IT IS ALSO AN UNDENIABLE FACT THAT SOUTH VIET-NAM WAS INVADED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS AT A TIME WHEN THERE WAS NOT A SHADOW OF A FOREIGN COMBAT UNIT ON ITS SOIL AND NO HOSTILE ACT HAD BEEN TAKEN BY SOUTH VIET-NAM AGAINST NORTH VIET-NAM. IN SO DOING, THE COMMUNIST REGIME OF NORTH VIET-NAM HAS BLATANTLY VIOLATED THE 1954 GENEVA ACCORDS, CRUDELY TRANSGRESSED THE RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, TRAMPLED UNDER FOOT THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND HAS PUT SERIOUSLY IN JEOPARDY THE FUTURE OF THE ENTIRE NATION.

IF ONE WERE TO FOLLOW YOUR REASONING, ANY STATE COULD ARROGATE TO ITSELF THE RIGHT TO INVADE A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY AND WOULD STOP ITS AGGRESSION AND WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS ONLY WHEN THE INVADED COUNTRY HAD SUBMITTED ITSELF TO THE AGGRESSOR'S RULE. THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE EITHER INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE.

THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT YOUR SIDE HAS DONE IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. THIS IS WHAT YOUR SIDE IS NOW DOING IN LAOS AND IN CAMBODIA.

WHAT PRETEXT CAN YOUR SIDE PUT FORTH TO JUSTIFY THE INTRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ITS TROOPS IN THESE TWO COUNTRIES. NO FOREIGN FORCES OTHER THAN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS ARE PRESENTLY OCCUPYING LAO TERRITORY.

ALSO SIMILARLY, YOUR TROOPS WERE THE ONLY FOREIGN TROOPS IN CAMBODIA, AND PRESENTLY ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE ATTACKING THE KHMER ARMY AND WHO THREATEN THE SECURITY AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THIS COUNTRY.

PRIOR TO THE EVENTS IN CAMBODIA, EVEN PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK HAD DENOUNCED, IN UNEQUIVOCAL TERMS, THE INVASION OF CAMBODIA BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS AND THEIR AUXILIARY FORCES, AND THE GREATER AND GREATER INTERFERENCE BY HANOI AND THE SO-CALLED "NLF" IN CAMBODIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN DISREGARD OF ITS NEUTRALITY, AS CAUSES FOR THE GROWING EXASPERATION OF THE KHMER PEOPLE.

DID HE NOT ALSO DECLARE IN PARIS, PRIOR TO BOARDING THE PLANE FOR MOSCOW LAST MARCH, THAT HE WOULD SOLICIT INTERVENTION BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO HAVE NORTH VIET-NAM AND THE SO-CALLED "NLF" WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM CAMBODIAN TERRITORY?

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THEN, WHEN THE KHMER GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE CALLED ON YOUR SIDE TO EVACUATE CAMBODIA, YOUR SIDE HASTENED TO CREATE OUT OF WHOLE CLOTH THE SO-CALLED "NATIONAL UNITED FRONT OF CAMBODIA" AND USE IT AS A SCREEN IN ORDER TO PROLONG YOUR SIDE'S OCCUPATION OF CAMBODIA AND TO CARRY OUT OPENLY ITS AGGRESSION AGAINST THIS COUNTRY. YOU CALL THIS THE "INDOCHINESE PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY IN COMBAT", A THEORY, WHICH YOUR SIDE CREATED FOR THE NEEDS OF THE OCCASION WHEN THE SO-CALLED "SUMMIT CONFERENCE" WAS HASTILY CONVENED UNDER THE AUSPICES AND SOMEWHERE ON THE TERRITORY OF COMMUNIST CHINA.

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EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE KHMER ARMY AND AGAINST THE PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT TOWNS OF CAMBODIA ARE ACTS OF YOUR SIDE'S TROOPS AND THEIR AUXILIARY FORCES. AT THE LAST SESSION, YOU CYNICALLY LAUDED THE EXPLOITS OF THE PRESUMED "LIBERATION FORCES" OF CAMBODIA WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE INFLICTED SERIOUS LOSSES ON THE KHMER NATIONAL ARMY. YOU CANNOT DECEIVE ANYONE BY THIS FOR NO ONE IS UNAWARE THAT WHAT YOUR SIDE CALLS "THE LIBERATION FORCES" OF CAMBODIA ARE NONE OTHER THAN YOUR OWN TROOPS.

IN TERMS OF EXPLOITS, YOUR SIDE HAS PROVIDED A REAL CHALLENGE TO THE KHMER PEOPLE AND TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION BY HAVING YOUR FORCES OCCUPY THE ANGKOR-WAT AREA AND TURNING THESE SACRED PLACES, WHICH ARE THE VESTIGES OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS AND THUS BELONG TO THE COMMON HERITAGE OF HUMANITY, INTO SANCTUARIES FROM WHICH TO PURSUE YOUR WAR OF AGGRESSION.

THIS UNQUALIFIABLE ACT OF SACRILEGE WHICH HAS PROVOKED INDIGNATION IN CAMBODIA AND ALL OVER THE WORLD, SHOWS THAT YOUR SIDE DOES NOT STOP AT NAY CRIME TO ACHIEVE ITS ENDS.

IN LAOS, YOUR SIDE NO LONGER CARES TO HIDE ITSELF BEHIND THE SCREEN OF THE SO-CALLED "LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT". ACCORDING TO THE REVELATIONS OF A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT, NO PATHET LAO TROOPS PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT ATTACK ON SARAVANE AND ITS OCCUPATION BY COMMUNIST FORCES.

IN BRIEF, AFTER HAVING IMPUDENTLY IGNORED AND VIOLATED THE DEMARCATION LINE BETWEEN THE TWO ZONES OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM AS ESTABLISHED BY THE 1954 GENEVA ACCORDS, AFTER HAVING INVADDED THE TERRITORIES OF LAOS AND OF CAMBODIA, YOUR SIDE NOW ACTS AS IF THE BORDERS BETWEEN THE STATES OF THE INDOCHINESE PENINSULA HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED.

THUS, IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, AS IN LAOS AND IN CAMBODIA, THE PEOPLES OF THESE COUNTRIES ARE THE VICTIMS OF THE SAME AMBITIONS OF CONQUEST AND DOMINATION, THOSE OF YOUR SIDE; THEY HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST THE SAME AGGRESSION, THAT OF YOUR SIDE; THEY HAVE TO DEFEND THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM AGAINST THE SAME THREAT, THE ONE WHICH RESULTS FROM YOUR SIDE'S POLICY OF INTERVENTION AND EXPANSION. UNCLASSIFIED

WHILE YOUR SIDE IS INTENSIFYING ITS AGGRESSION AGAINST LAOS AND CAMBODIA, YOUR FORCES IN SOUTH VIET-NAM ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO STAGE LARGE SCALE OFFENSIVES AND ARE REDUCED TO SEEKING UNGLORIOUS TRIUMPHS BY TAKING REVENGE ON THE INNOCENT CIVILIAN POPULATION, WHOSE SUPPRTT YOUR SIDE LACKS MORE AND MORE EACH DAY.

IN THE CONNECTION, I MUST DENOUNCE HERE WITH EXTREME VIGOR YOUR MOST RECENT ACTS OF REPRISALS: THE HORRIBLE AND BARBAROUS MASSACRE OF THE PEOPLE OF THANH-MY HAMLET, QUANG-NAM PROVINCE, ON THE NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING OF JUNE 10 AND 11, 1970.

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO MILITARY OBJECTIVE, THE COMMUNIST FORCES SUBJECTED THE HAMLET TO HEAVY SHELLING OF 82MM AND 60MM MORTARS AND THEN RANSACKED IT, IN THE PROCESS FIRING AT ANY PERSON WHO TRIED TO ESCAPE, THROWING HAND GRENADES INTO HOUSES AND SHELTERS AND INDISCRIMINATELY KILLING THE OCCUPANTS. THIS ACT COST THE LIVES OF 114 INHITANTS OF THE HAMLET, IN ADDITION TO THE WOUNDING OF OVER 70 OTHERS, THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF MORE THAN 300 HOUSES AND SERIOUS DAMAGE TO 30 OTHERS. THIS RENDERED OVER 85 PERCENT OF THE HAMLET POPULATION HOMELESS.

IT IS WORTH NOTING THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT FACT: THE HAMLET OF THANH-MY, AT ONE TIME UNSECURED, WAS RECENTLY PACIFIED AND A NEW LIFE WAS BEGINNING TO EMERGE FOR ITS INHABITANTS.

THE BLOODY MASSACRE OF THANH-MY IS UNFORTUNATELY ONLY ONE SAD ILLUSTRATION OF A POLICY OF TERROR AND REPRISAL CEASELESSLY BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE COMMUNISTS AGAINST THOSE WHO REFUSE TO FOLLOW THEM OR WHO TRY TO ESCAPE FROM THEIR HOLD. HOW CAN YOU CLAIM THAT, WITH SUCH A POLICY, YOUR SIDE'S OBJECTIVE IS TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE AND OF THE NATION?

IS THIS WHAT YOUR SIDE MEANS LIBERATING THE PEOPLE FROM OPPRESSION? IS THIS YOUR WAY TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL CONCORD AND UNION BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT STRATA OF THE POPULATION?

HOW CAN YOUR SIDE MAKE ANYONE BELIEVE THAT IT IS FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE? WHAT MERIT CAN ANYONE GIVE TO YOUR PROMISES TO RESPECT LATER ON THE FREE CHOICE OF THIS POPULATION SINCE YOUR SIDE'S DEEDS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE OPPOSITE OF YOUR WORDS?

FINALLY, CONTRARY TO YOUR AFFIRMATIONS, NOTHING INDICATES THAT YOUR SIDE DESIRES TO END THE WAR AND SEE PEACE RESTORED IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, AS WELL AS LAOS AND CAMBODIA.

IS YOUR SIDE PREPARED TO PUT AN END TO ITS POLICY OF INTERVENTION AND EXPANSION AT THE EXPENSE OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES? SUCH POLICY IS INDEED, AS THE EVOLUTION OF EVENTS HAVE SHOWN, THE PROFOUND AND DIRECT SOURCE AND THE UNIQUE CAUSE OF THE PRESENT WAR SITUATION IN THE INDOCHINESE PENINSULA.

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IF YOUR SIDE DOES NOT ENTERTAIN ANY AMBITIONS OF CONQUEST, IT IS THEN NECESSARY FOR YOUR SIDE TO RESPECT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND TO WITHDRAW BACK TO NORTH VIET-NAM THE TROOPS WHICH IT HAS ILLEGALLY INTRODUCED THERE.

IF YOUR SIDE IS NOT TRYING TO EXTEND YOUR DOMINATION THROUGHOUT THE INDOCHINESE PENINSULA, IT IS NECESSARY FOR YOUR SIDE TO REFRAIN FROM INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND TO RESPECT THE RIGHT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE, LAO AND KHMER PEOPLES TO LIVE PEACEFULLY UNDER .../... HABIB.  
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A REIGME OF THEIR OWN CHOICE.  
IF YOUR SIDE REALLY WANTS TO HAVE PEACE AND STABILITY RESTORED IN THE INDOCHINESE PENINSULA, AND TO SEE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS PREVAIL AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THIS REGION, YOUR SIDE NEED ONLY COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1954 GENEVA ACCORDS ON THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN INDOCHINA AND THOSE OF THE 1952 GENEVA AGREEMENTS GUARANTEEING THE NEUTRALITY OF LAOS.

PARTICULARLY, AS LONG AS YOUR SIDE CONTINUES TO USE LAO AND CAMBODIAN TERRITORIES AS INFILTRATION ROUTES, SANCTUARIES AND STAGING BASES TO ATTACK SOUTH VIET-NAM, YOUR SIDE CANNOT CONVINCE ANYONE OF ITS DESIRE FOR PEACE.

AS LONG AS YOUR SIDE PERSISTS IN DEMANDING THE UNILATERAL DEPARTURE OF ALLIED FORCES WHILE TRYING TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN TROOPS AND SUPPORTIVE FORCES IN THE SOUTH, YOUR SIDE SHOWS THAT IT HAS NOT YET ABANDONED ITS SCHEMES TO ANNEX SOUTH VIET-NAM BY FORCE AND ITS POLICY OF INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIET-NAM.

AS LONG AS YOUR SIDE CONTINUES ITS CAMPAIGNS OF TERRORISM, YOU DEMONSTRATE THAT THE USE OF VIOLENCE ALWAYS REMAINS YOUR MEANS OF PRESSURE TO FORCE THE POPULATION TO FOLLOW THE COMMUNIST PATH.

AS LONG AS YOUR SIDE CONTINUES TO DEMAND THE OVERTHROW OF THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND TO DECREE, PRIOR TO ANY POPULAR CONSULTATION, THAT ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIET-NAM MUST BE IN ANY CASE A GOVERNMENT OF COALITION, YOUR SIDE IS, IN FACT, MISCONCEIVING THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE POPULATION.

FOR ITS PART, IN PROPOSING THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL NON-SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES, INCLUDING THE ALLIED TROOPS, IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IS NEITHER SEEKING TO SECURE A UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE IN THE FILED NOR A POSITION OF STRENGTH AT THIS MEETING TABLE.

IN ADVOCATING FREE ELECTIONS, IN WHICH ALL POLITICAL PARTIES AND GROUPS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, INCLUDING THE SO-CALLED "NLF", WILL PARTICIPATE, TO ENABLE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO DECIDE THEMSELVES THEIR OWN FUTURE, AND IN PLEDGING TO RESPECT SUCH A DECISION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS PROVEN THAT ITS AIM IS NOT TO ELIMINATE ANYONE BUT IS, ON THE CONTRARY, TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND UNITY. IT HAS PROVEN THAT ITS ONLY CONCERN IS TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT THROUGH DEMOCRATIC MEANS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM BELIEVES THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ZONES MUST BE BASED ON THE ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE 1954 GENEVA ACCORDS, THAT IS TO SAY, THAT EACH ZONE MUST REFRAIN FROM ALL ACTS OF HOSTILITY AGAINST THE OTHER AND FROM INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE OTHER. IN THIS SPIRIT, PENDING REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY THROUGH DEMOCRATIC MEANS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IS READY TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ZONES.

CONCERNING THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, LAOS AND CAMBODIA, THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS DECLARED IN THE MOST EXPLICIT MANNER THAT IT DOES NOT ENTERTAIN ANY TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS OR POLITICAL AIMS AT THEIR EXPENSE, THAT IT IS ONLY SEEKING FRIENDLY COOPERATION WITH THESE COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT OF THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF EACH COUNTRY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMON INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE INDO-CHINESE PENINSULA.

THE PRINCIPLES, WHICH I HAVE JUST ENUMERATED AND WHICH MUST GUIDE US IN THE SEARCH FOR WAYS TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION IN THE INDOCHINESE PENINSULA, ARE JUST, CORRECT AND RATIONAL ONES.

SIMILARLY, NO ONE CAN DENY THE GENEROUS ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSITIONS PUT FORTH BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE VIETNAMESE CONFLICT. THESE PROPOSALS ARE NOT BASED ON DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN THE AGGRESSORS AND THE VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION, NOR ON THE PRESUMED OUTCOME OF THE WAR, NOR ON CONSIDERATIONS ALIEN TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM REAFFIRMS THAT ITS OVER-RIDING CONCERN IS A JUST, GENUINE AND LASTING PEACE, A PEACE WHICH WILL RECONCILE ALL VIETNAMESE, WHICH WILL RESTORE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE INDOCHINESE PENINSULA AND WHICH WILL LAY THE GROUNDS FOR FRUITFUL COOPERATION AMONG ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

IT IS THIS TASK WHICH, ONCE AGAIN WE ASK YOUR SIDE TO UNDERTAKE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

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