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NGUYEN THANH LE HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER 121ST PARIS SESSION

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[Memorandum of Comrade Nguyen Thanh Le's press conference after the 121st session]

[Text] Comrade Nguyen Thanh Le said:

Today, since you have worked the whole day, you are probably tired. I hope that my press conference will not be long, so that you may feel less tired. (laughter)

Today, in his additional remarks, Minister Xuan Thuy said: I deem it necessary to point out that the Nixon administration is using all kinds of maneuvers to gain time and to avoid giving a serious response to the seven points of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam--proposals which are approved and supported by American and world public opinion.

The Nixon administration aims only at soothing public opinion and lessening the important significance of the seven points and the good will of the Vietnamese people; and does not really want to enter into serious negotiations, to put an end to the Vietnam war, and to withdraw completely from Vietnam.

The PRG has twice advanced a concrete deadline for a total withdrawal of U.S. troops and those of the other foreign countries in the U.S. camp from South Vietnam. It is now the U.S. Government's turn to set a deadline for this withdrawal within 1971.

The Saigon administration has been set up by the United States and given a military, police, and administrative organization to repress the people and the opposition. However, the United States is now saying that it does not interfere in the political situation in South Vietnam. Actually it is maintaining the Saigon administration, headed by Nguyen Van Thieu, to implement U.S. neocolonialism.

I express the hope that the United States will reconsider the very serious PRGRSV seven points and give them a serious response.

I now have a few additional remarks concerning the attitude of the Nixon administration's delegation.

The seven-point peace plan advanced by Minister Nguyen Thi Binh is as bright as sunlight on a summer afternoon. Yet, the Nixon administration deliberately and tightly draws a very thick curtain in order to say that it is still night.

My friend is now going to read you my additional remarks: The United States has sent its troops to invade Vietnam and has rigged up the Nguyen Van Thieu puppet regime in order to implement neocolonialism in South Vietnam. That is why the Vietnamese people are determined to wage their war of resistance against U.S. aggression so as to safeguard their basic national rights.

The Vietnamese people never intended to force the United States to surrender and to smear U.S. honor; they ask only that the United States respect their basic national rights and the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination, withdraw from South Vietnam all its troops and those of the other foreign countries in its camp, and stop backing the warlike Nguyen Van Thieu ruling group set up by the United States in Saigon.

These are legitimate demands. The seven points represent a correct stand and give clear evidence of the PRG's good will and flexibility [passage indistinct] refuses to withdraw all U.S. troops and to stop backing the warlike Nguyen Van Thieu ruling group and continues to cause more U.S. troops to die and the American people to suffer further from the war burden for the benefit of the rotten, dictatorial, and bellicose regime of the puppet Nguyen Van Thieu.