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ON VIET NAM

HANOI VNA OCTOBER 26.- AT THE 164TH PLENARY SESSION OF
THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON VIET NAM TODAY, MINISTER XUAN THUY, HEAD
OF THE D.R.V.N. GOVERNMENT DELEGATION, SAID:

IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ON VIET NAM, THE D.R.V.N. GOVERN-
MENT HAS SHOWN THE MAXIMUM GOODWILL. TOGETHER WITH THE R.S.V.N.
P.R.G., WE HAVE NOT (NOT) CEASED STRIVING FOR A SOLUTION FAIR
TO ALL SIDES.

IN THIS SPIRIT, THE R.S.V.N. P.R.G. AND THE D.R.V.N. GOVERNMENT,
AT THIS ROSTRUM, HAVE MADE MANY PEACE OVERTURES. WE GIVE OUR
COMPLETE APPROVAL AND SUPPORT TO THE STATEMENT OF SEPT. 11,
1972, THE LATEST PROPOSAL OF THE R.S.V.N. P.R.G. THIS STA-
TEMENT SHOWS A CORRECT STAND AND PRESENTS A VERY PRACTICAL
SOLUTION. FOR THIS VERY REASON, IT HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY BROAD
SECTIONS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE WORLD AND THE UNITED STATES AU-
THORITARIANLY.

IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE R.S.V.N. P.R.G., THE D.R.V.N. GOVERN-
MENT HAS CONDUCTED PRIVATE TALKS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITH A
VIEW TO SETTLING THE VIET NAM ISSUE PEACEFULLY. YET, AFTER FOUR
YEARS, BY SEPT. 1972, NO (NO) RESULT HAD BEEN OBTAINED AT THE
TALKS ON THE VIET NAM ISSUE.

TO ADVANCE THE TALKS, THE D.R.V.N. SIDE, AT THE PRIVATE
MEETING ON OCT. 8, TOOK A NEW, EXTREMELY IMPORTANT INITIATIVE.
IT PUT FORWARD A DRAFT "AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING
PEACE IN VIET NAM", AND PROPOSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE
PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH
VIET NAM, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WITH
THE CONCURRENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM,
IMMEDIATELY AGREED UPON AND SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT IN MID-OCTOBER
1972 TO RAPIDLY RESTORE PEACE IN VIET NAM. ACCORDING TO THIS
DRAFT AGREEMENT, THE VIET NAM ISSUE WILL BE SETTLED IN TWO STAGES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFT-EXPRESSED DESIRE OF THE AMERICAN SIDE.

FIRST OF ALL THERE WILL BE A CESSATION OF THE WAR IN SOUTH
VIET NAM, A CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH VIET NAM, A CESSATION OF
THE U.S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTH VIET NAM, A TOTAL WITH-
DRAWAL FROM SOUTH VIET NAM OF TROOPS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THOSE OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRIES ALLIED WITH THE UNITED
STATES AND WITH THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM, THE RETURN OF ALL
CAPTURED AND DETAINED PERSONNEL OF THE PARTIES, AND AN AGREE-
MENT ON THE PRINCIPLES FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE
PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL SETTLE TOGETHER
THE INTERNAL MATTERS OF SOUTH VIET NAM WITHIN THREE MONTHS
AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE COMES INTO EFFECT. FROM THE ENFORCEMENT
OF THE CEASE-FIRE TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE GOVERNMENT FORMED
AFTER FREE AND DEMOCRATIC GENERAL ELECTIONS, THE TWO PRESENT
ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTH VIET NAM SHALL HOLD CONSULTATIONS
WITH A VIEW TO THE EXERCISE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S
RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, ACHIEVING NATIONAL CONCORD,

AND VERY FUNDAMENTAL DOCUMENT WHICH OPENED UP THE WAY TO AN EARLY SETTLEMENT.

IT IS A PITY THAT NOW THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AT THE TALKS AND A DATE HAS BEEN FIXED FOR THE SIGNING OF THE "AGREEMENTS ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET NAM", THE AMERICAN SIDE HAS PUT UP NEW OBSTACLES TO AVOID IMPLEMENTING WHAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED UPON. AT THE SAME TIME, TO DEAL WITH PUBLIC OPINION, THE AMERICAN SIDE MAKE BELIEVE THAT IT IS STRIVING FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE VIET NAM PROBLEM, THAT THE WAR WILL END SOON.

FOR THIS REASON, THE D.R.V.N. GOVERNMENT, ON OCT. 26, 1972 WAS FORCED TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS TO HALP THE PUBLIC SEE THE TRUTH.

AFTER READING OUT THE MAIN PARAGRAPHS OF THIS STATEMENT, MINISTER XUAN THUY CONCLUDED:

"AS POINTED OUT BY THE STATEMENT OF THE D.R.V.N. GOVERNMENT, THIS INFORMATION IS IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND WILL IN NO (NO) WAY AFFECT THE NEGOTIATIONS".

"IT IS CLEAR THAE EVERY CONDITION IS AVAILABLE NOW FOR A PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF THE VIET NAM ISSUE AND FOR THE INSTANT RESTORATION OF PEACE. THE POINT IS THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION MUST IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE D.R.V.N. AND THE UNITED STATES.

ANY PRETEXT OF THE AMERICAN SIDE FOR DELAYING THE SIGNING OF PEACE WILL NOT (NOT) HOLD WATER, BUT WILL ONLY SHOWS THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION, WHILE SPEAKING OF PEACE, IS ACTUTALLY MAKING WAR".

IN HER SPEECH, R.S.V.N. FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN THI BINH POINTED OUT: TO BREAK THE LONG DEADLOCK AT THIS CONFERENCE AND PAVE THE WAY FOR A CORRECT SETTLEMENT TO THE VIET NAM ISSUE, THE R.S.V.N. P.R.G., ON SEPT. 11, 1972 MADE PUBLIC AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT ON THE ENDING OF THE U.S. WAR OF AGGRESSION AND THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN VIET NAM. THE R.S.V.N. P.R.G., FOR THE SAME PURPOSE, COMPLETELY AGREED WITH THE D.R.V.N. GOVERNMENT ON THE CONDUCT OF PRIVATE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE D.R.V.N. AND THE UNITED STATES.

THANKS TO THESE EFFORTS, THE D.R.V.N. AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE ARRIVED AT AN AGREEMENT, WHOSE MAIN CONTENTS ARE IN LINE WITH THE MAIN PRINCIPLES AND CONTENTS OF THE PEACE PROPOSALS OF THE R.S.V.N. P.R.G. SUCH AS AGREEMENT, ONCE SIGNED, WILL MEET THE DESIRE OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND BROAD SECTIONS OF THE WORLD PUBLIC. IT WILL PROVIDE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES WITH GOOD OPPORTUNITIES TO SETTLE SATISFACTORILY THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIET NAM.

THE U.S. SIDE, DESPITE ITS OWN AGREEMENT AND PLEDGE, HAS MANY TIMES SOUGHT TO OBSTRUC AND DELAY THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT. ONE OF THE MAIN PRETEXTS IT MAKES IS THE DIFFICULTIES IN SAIGON. OF COURSE, IT IS UNIVERSAL KNOWLEDGE THAT NGUYEN VAN THIEU IS A DICTATOR, A WAR-SEEKER AND A FASCIST, AN OBSTACLE TO

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AND BAD FAITH. IT WILL SHOWS THAT IT DOES NOT (NOT) WANT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE VIETNAM ISSUE, THAT IT SEEKS TO PROLONG, NEGOTIATIONS TO FOOL THE PUBLIC AND SERVE ITS "VIETNAMIZATION" POLICY.

IN SUCH A SITUATION, THE R.S.V.N. P.R.G. FULLY SUPPORTS THE D.R.V.N. GOVERNMENT IN ISSUING THE OCT. 26, 1972 STATEMENT ON THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS TO MAKE THE PUBLIC SEE THE TRUTH.

THE R.S.V.N. P.R.G. FOREIGN MINISTER STRESSED IN CONCLUSION:

THE R.S.V.N. P.R.G. DELEGATION ONCE AGAIN AFFIRMS IT CORRECT STAND, ITS GOOD FAITH AND ITS SERIOUSNESS AT THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON VIET NAM.

VICTIMIZED BY THE U.S. WAR OF AGGRESSION FOR DECADES NOW, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, DESIRE PEACE. BUT THAT MUST BE PEACE IN INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM.

AS LONG AS THE U.S. CONTINUES ITS WAR OF AGGRESSION, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH THEIR COMPATRIOTS IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY AND IN FIRM SOLIDARITY WITH THE BROTHER PEOPLES OF CAMBODIA AND LAOS, WILL FIGHT ON TILL THE OBTAINMENT OF THEIR SACRED OBJECTIVES.

THE U.S. DELEGATED, CONFRONTED WITH THIS TRUTH, BECAME CONFUSED AND TRIED TO BEAT ABOUT THE BUSH.

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 1972 ./.

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