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GVN REACTION TO DRV'S OCTOBER 26 1972 STATEMENT

HISTORY OF THE VIETNAM WAR ON MICROFILM

RVN FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLS DRV CEASE-FIRE A 'TRICK'

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[Text] Saigon, Oct 27 (VP)--Mr Pham Dang Sung spokesman of the RVN Foreign Ministry Friday termed as a "sawed mercenary" the Hanoi radio's report Thursday that the North Vietnamese communists had reached a ceasefire agreement with the U.S.

According to Mr Pham Dang Sung, the trick aimed at sowing suspicion between the Republic of Vietnam and the U.S. and pressing on public opinion to exert pressure to put an early cessation of the U.S. bombings and blockades in North Vietnam for the communists' sake.

The Republic of Vietnam is ready to accept a cease-fire, as President Nguyen Van Thieu stated last Tuesday, but will never accept a political settlement which goes against the interests and aspirations of the South Vietnamese, the spokesman said.

The self-determination right of the South Vietnamese must be respected in every solution for Vietnam, the spokesman added.

SAIGON RADIO REACTS TO DRV 26 OCTOBER STATEMENT

26 Oct Commentary

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[Untitled commentary]

[Text] Forty-eight hours after President Nguyen Van Thieu, in a broadcast and televised address, explained to all patriotic southern people the communists' attempts to seize power which are embodied in their conciliation proposal, the bloodthirsty Hanoi butchers this afternoon vociferously publicize their so-called statement on agreements with the United States.

While the simple words, calm attitude, and resolve of the southern head of state have brought confidence and assurance to the people in the face of complex developments in the situation, the Hanoi communists' grumbling tone, which smacks of blood, expose their dark designs.

The suspicious and ugly acts of the Hanoi communist leaders for the past scores of years have often been carefully concealed. Indeed these people have been very skillful in concealing the truth and in threatening the northern people by means of violence. And today their acts have come to an end. Of course this does not mean that the Hanoi puppet administration wants to mark a phase of easing, a phase when the northern masses can be liberated. Nevertheless this is a result of the fact that these people are unable to achieve their sly act and so they have tried to destroy everything, in defiance of public opinion and despite the disastrous consequences that may result from their act.

With their treacherous words and with such great insolence that they dare call our ARVN mercenary troops, the bloodthirsty Hanoi communist leaders have brazenly resorted to fallacious arguments, trying to make the Republic of Vietnam involved in their own problems. What the Hanoi communists want is like a wound which, because they have been plunging all their life into the people's blood, can never be healed.

The Hanoi communist leaders hallyhooded the so-called pact to be concluded with the United States toward the end of this month. But the soothing tone they used to describe relations with the United States cannot move the northern people, and reveals more clearly to the South Vietnamese people the tragic situation of the communists behind the bamboo curtain.

For many years the northern communists have wasted great efforts to make world opinion believe that the South Vietnam war is a civil war, but they have had no results. In fact in 1959 they started by creating a type of puppet or screen--the Viet Cong--in South Vietnam to conceal their aggressive scheme against this country.

However, at the very beginning of the war one discovered the undeniable truth that the northern communists themselves had started the war of aggression against South Vietnam upon the orders of the USSR and Communist China. This true fact has been reflected through the POW's, natives of the north, the weapons made in the USSR and Communist China and documents seized from the bodies of stupid communists who were sent by the Hanoi leaders to die for them in South Vietnam. The presence in South Vietnam of more than 200,000 communist cadres and soldiers who have returned to the national cause has revealed the truth that communist North Vietnam wants to conceal.

Whether or not North Vietnam has invaded South Vietnam is no longer a question to be discussed, because all South Vietnamese are aware of the truth. The question is the outcome of this aggression. It is not too difficult to answer this question. Public opinion at home and abroad know well the number of battles the communists have lost and the number of North Vietnamese youths who have been forced to go to the south and died there.

The communists failed in their offensive in 1968. Their brazen invasion last March has been in vain. Hundreds of thousands of North Vietnamese troops have been killed. Thousands of tanks and heavy artillery pieces provided to Hanoi by Peking and Moscow have been destroyed or captured. Meanwhile, An Loc and Kontum have remained firm and heroic and have served as steel-like fortresses to prevent communist aggression. Quang Tri and Thua Thien have arisen. The communists' violence cannot wreck the defense line made of the perseverance, bravery and determination to fight and win of all patriots, South Vietnamese armed forces and people.

The invasion has had disastrous consequences on the North Vietnamese communists because it caused the United States to resume the bombing of the north and to blockade its harbors in order to prevent the flow of supplies for the North Vietnamese communists to carry out their aggressive designs.

The North Vietnamese communists' exhaustion following more than 7 months of massive aggressive efforts is the main reason why North Vietnam has made feverish moves, which have been vividly reflected by the secret talks in Paris. Amid the confused atmosphere of the U.S. presidential election and the maneuvers of the false peace advocates, North Vietnam believes it can fish in troubled waters and can communize South Vietnam through its private moves.

The bombing of the north continues, aimed at destroying the North Vietnamese communists' aggressive capabilities. The courageous South Vietnamese armed forces and people continue to deal the bloodthirsty aggressors well-deserved punitive blows. The North Vietnamese communist attempt to seize power through the three-segment formula has been discovered and exposed by the South Vietnamese people.

Finally, all the North Vietnamese communists' insidious acts can only be viewed as those of a thief who, when discovered, smashes everything, rationalizes his act, and cries thief or slanders others. They try to link their own private affairs with those of the RVN people. They try to deny their crimes against the northern people by advancing odious and stubborn allegations. But their efforts have bitterly failed.

The reason for their failure, in the final analysis, is the excessive subjectiveness of the Hanoi communist leaders. They think that relations between the Republic of Vietnam and its U.S. ally are similar to the relations between them as the servants and their Russian and Chinese masters. In fact, the relationship between the United States and the Republic of Vietnam is the relationship between two allies and two genuine friends fighting for a common ideal. The Vietnamese people have the ultimate and supreme right to decide on all matters related to their own destiny. This has been confirmed resolutely and unequivocally by President Nguyen Van Thieu and all the southern people. The right to self-determination cannot be anonymous, with secret arrangements. Therefore the North Vietnamese communist private affairs and schemes are not related to the Republic of Vietnam. Let the northern communists demand nothing from us, because any such demand will be in vain, unless they end their aggression in the Republic of Vietnam.

The senseless war in South Vietnam has dragged on too long. The southern people have endured boundless suffering. The peace-loving southern people, more than anyone else, are eager to put an immediate end to the war ravages. But the North Vietnamese communists must know that to be peace-loving does not mean cowardice, and that peace cannot be begged for. We have gained this extremely valuable awareness on the basis of experience acquired with our own blood.

The door to peace is kept wide open by all the southern people, who dearly hope to end this sorrowful war. However, hopes for such a peace must be consistent with the southern people's most realistic aspirations, that is, the North Vietnamese communists must completely withdraw to the north and put an end to their aggression. The South Vietnamese people's internal affairs must be settled by the South Vietnamese people themselves. This has been confirmed firmly by the southern head of state and all the southern people, and it must be considered as the last limit of the conciliatory spirit.

27 Oct Commentary

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[Untitled commentary]

[Text] Dear listeners, President Nguyen Van Thieu, commander in chief of the ARVN and chief of state, firmly told the compatriots throughout the country in his talk on 24 October over the national radio and television service that the destiny of South Vietnam is in the hands of the southern people and that no one has the right to exert any pressure on us. In this 2-hour talk, aimed at clearly explaining everything related to the national situation, our leader once again reasserted our government's and people's clear-cut stand related to a solution to the entire Vietnam problem.

We can divide this stand into two parts. First, concerning the problems of concern for the south and the north, the Hanoi authorities and the RVN Government must sit side by side and solve them, and our leader seriously stated that should North Vietnam want the south and the north to hold talks tomorrow he would agree.

Second, concerning southern internal affairs, or more precisely, concerning the communist elements in the south, who have for years (?killed) the freedom-loving people in the south, these elements must renounce the use of violence and must together with the southern people, participate in all political struggle and even in voting to elect a new leader for the south.

President Nguyen Van Thieu stated that he would resign and allow the southern people, each one with a vote, to decide the composition of the new government and the future political system for the south. Our leader reiterated our people's firm stand and told the communists to prove the support of the people, whom they said would be on their side [words indistinct] through the formula of free elections.

We realize that nothing is clearer and more rational than solving the war through the formula which the RVN Government--the representative of the entire southern people--have put forth. But for 4 years, in the presence of the world press and in the Avenue Kleber conference hall in Paris, the communists have only played farces. They do not look straight at the truth. They have refuted all the rational proposals of the southern people. They sought to gain time to concentrate their forces to openly attack and invade South Vietnam, and now that all their large-scale aggressive offensives have been smashed and their aggressive potential has been reduced seriously, the communists got a grip on the United States and entered President Nixon's residence by the back door to plead with him.

This vile action surprises no one, because it is part of the communists' nature. What is ridiculous is that with this vile action the Hanoi ringleader aggressors believed they would be well treated and would be able to gain a great advantage in the south. They believed that because of the need to (?solve) the war, because of the coming U.S. election and because of the pressure of the U.S. POW's relatives, the U.S. Government would force the South Vietnamese Government and people to accept a cease-fire and to restore a false peace at any price, even at the price of sharing the people and the land with the communists.

The Hanoi ringleaders were grossly mistaken in this judgment, exactly as they were grossly mistaken when they deployed troops to invade the south last march. On the military front the communists have been routed and on each southern battlefield they have been bombed every hour so intensively that all the North Vietnamese military and economic structure has been smashed to pieces since 8 May, while on the political front their surreptitious tricks aimed at imploring the United States to exert pressure on the South Vietnamese Government and people have also failed disastrously.

In his 2 hour-talk Tuesday, President Nguyen Van Thieu, our supreme leader, fully exposed the communists' perfidious scheme to achieve a cease-fire prior to the restoration of peace through the use of a deceitful maneuver in order to serve their own interests.

Even though our leader did not say so clearly, all our compatriots knew that through his talks last week in Saigon with Dr Kissinger, the U.S. president's assistant, and other U.S. officials, he clearly expressed our government's clear-cut stand and full knowledge of the communists' deceitful designs. As a matter of fact, the world realizes that in the whole process of this protracted war waged by the communists, even though the United States has made the greatest contributions in terms of manpower and material resources, the relationship between the United States and the Republic of Vietnam, as well as between South Korea, Thailand, Nationalist China, the Philippines and the Republic of Vietnam are relationships between allies fighting on the same front for the protection of freedom. By helping in our struggle here, these allies avoid sacrificing their blood and bones to cope with the communist bloc right on their own territories. From this point of view, the relations between the Republic of Vietnam and its allies are based on equality and mutual assistance.

We want to make it clear--not because we are in doubt of a certain fundamental change, but because we want the stupid North Vietnamese communists to know--that the Republic of Vietnam is not like the North Vietnamese communist regime and our leaders in the south are not like those stupid people devote their whole lives to serving the Soviet Union and Communist China. The North Vietnamese communists have no allies, but only masters. The North Vietnamese communist ringleaders do not have any position in the eyes of Mao Tse-tung, Chou En-lai, Brezhnev, Podgorny and Kosygin, because such stupid North Vietnamese communist ringleaders as Le Duan, Truong Chinh, Pham Van Dong and Vo Nguyen Giap have devoted their whole lives to tailing after the leaders in Peking and Moscow.

This is the most striking difference between the Republic of Vietnam and North Vietnam. President Nguyen Van Thieu affirmed that we are not afraid of a cease-fire or peace because our stand on peace and a cease-fire has been clearly affirmed.

This affirmation by 17.5 million people in free South Vietnam, which President Nguyen Van Thieu has voiced on their behalf, is a reminder to our allies and a challenge to our enemy. Yet the enemy stupidity has prevented him from understanding this reality. He has played the trick of passing over the South Vietnamese people to woo the United States in meetings that the press has often called secret talks in Paris. He thinks that our U.S. ally is a big boss like the USSR or Red China, his masters. He is like a jobless fellow who, after fruitless attempts to secure a job, resorts to dishonest tricks. Then when he was caught he cursed and attacked people and advanced numerous reasons for being driven onto the path of dishonesty.

The Hanoi communist authorities on 26 October, at noontime, were worse than the type of fellow who fails in his wooing tricks and resorted to dishonest tricks, as above. This description is really not too much for them. In the tragic-comic, resentful, irrelevant statement made public on Hanoi radio one does not see a bit of good will by the northern puppet clique.

On the contrary, the so-called DRV Government statement on the negotiations has become a dirty, obscene funny story which can be chosen and published only by rags. The reason is that in this funny story the Hanoi puppet administration has reported all its kowtowing actions regarding the Americans. After the South Vietnamese people, who are competent and play a decisive role, blasted this kowtowing trick, the Hanoi leaders hastened to shout insults and curses and ask for pity from the public.

In this dirty, obscene funny story, or the so-called DRV Government statement broadcast by Hanoi radio yesterday noon, the northern leaders publicly admitted their stupidity and their act of dropping a prey for nothing. More than anybody else they are well aware that only the government and people of South Vietnam have the right to decide South Vietnam's fate.

Being dishonest and malicious by nature, they have feigned to ignore this right because they do not want to admit their failure in this aggressive war which has lasted for more than 10 years. However, they are dishonest but unwise. All their knavish tricks and kowtowing acts which they want to cover up have been revealed in the dirty, obscene funny story on the so-called DRV Government statement released by the Hanoi propaganda spokesman yesterday noon.

In this funny story the Hanoi puppet administration denounced and reproached the United States and insulted the South Vietnamese people. The Hanoi ringleaders said they were responsible for reporting on the situation of the private meetings between them and the Americans so that the world and U.S. peoples could know the truth. They added that their information was good for peace and did not affect the negotiations, because both sides had agreed on the text of an agreement and on the time for signing this agreement.

What is it? Which agreement? Who has agreed with them? Their funny story can make nobody laugh. Moreover, the Hanoi puppet administration's concluding words reveal that it has lost its dignity when it asked the U.S. Government to respond to its good will and sign the agreement on 31 October in order to end the war and restore peace to Vietnam.

Why would the Vietnam war end and peace be restored to Vietnam if the U.S. Government signed the agreement? The more the Hanoi puppet administration ringleaders talk, the more they expose their stupidity, because everyone sees as clear as in broad daylight that they have deployed troops to kill the southern compatriots and that it is not the United States that has sent troops to kill the North Vietnamese people and occupy the North Vietnamese land.

The Hanoi puppet administration ringleaders demand restoration of peace and an end to the war. But why do they stubbornly maintain all their aggressive forces in the south? Why do they continue to deploy their aggressive forces in Laos and the Khmer Republic so as to play tricks and continue to massacre the South Vietnamese people? For the South Vietnamese people, peace will be restored and the war will be ended one second after the last aggressor northern soldier sets foot inside the northern border. The southern political problem will also be solved one second after the last communist aggressor lays down his dagger and grenade and returns to engage in political activities in the national community.

As long as a northern aggressor remains in the south, the Khmer Republic and Laos, and as long as a southern communist exists with dagger and grenade in hand, the war will continue and peace will not be restored. The communists must know this more clearly than anyone else. Such is the clear question.

If the northern communists want to end the war and restore peace to Vietnam, they must show their good will. The restoration of peace depends on whether the northern communists continue the war to kill the compatriots, and not on any agreement with our friend--the United States--through imploration.

In an address to the university and high school students at the republic stadium on 12 October, President Nguyen Van Thieu, the southern people's leader, stated: Let the north eat whatever it pleases. Those who are humorous can add this sentence: the northern communists need only eat the entire agreement which they said they agreed to sign with the United States. The northern communists can also swallow the dirty farce and the entire content of what they called the DRV Government statement which Hanoi radio broadcast yesterday afternoon.

RVN LOWER HOUSE REJECTS COALITION 3 SEGMENTS

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[Report on two resolutions submitted to RVN president by Lower House and National Councilmen's Congress]

[Text] In a plenary session convened according to emergency procedures, the RVN Lower House on the morning of 27 October discussed the country's current situation at the request of 96 deputies. An explanation by the rapporteurs' presidium composed of five deputies was read before the plenary session by Deputy Pham Duy Tue. After pointing out historical data and the stubbornness displayed by the communists through 4 years of discussions over the cease-fire and peace problems, the rapporteurs put forth a draft resolution for discussion and adoption by all the deputies.

The draft resolution consists of the following four points:

- 1--Rejects all solutions calling for coalition with the communists in any form.
- 2--All political solutions for South Vietnam must be decided on by the South Vietnamese people.
- 3--All North Vietnamese communist troops and cadres must withdraw from South Vietnam in accordance with the provisions of the 1954 Geneva agreements, in order to achieve a serious cease-fire.

4. Appeals to all southern armed forces and people to persevere in working for a lasting peace in democracy and freedom.

In the course of discussions the deputies, who are leaders of the Republican, National Rights, and Independence blocs and leaders of the National Group, and other deputies speaking as individuals, vehemently protested the communists' insidious attempts embodied in their cease-fire scheme and their scheme to form a three-segment government.

After discussing the draft resolution for 4 and 1/2 hours, 125 out of 129 deputies present unanimously adopted a five-point resolution, the full text of which follows:

[Recording of unidentified voice reading resolution RVN Lower House resolution: The RVN Lower House, following discussions in its plenary session on 27 October, resolves:

1. To reject all forms of coalition with the communists;
2. To reject the three-segment formula in whatever form it may be implemented and no matter what appellations it may bear;
3. All political solutions for the south must be decided on freely by the southern people;
4. All North Vietnamese communist troops and cadres must withdraw from the south in accordance with provisions of the 1954 Geneva agreements, so as to achieve a serious cease-fire; and
5. To appeal to all the southern armed forces and people to continue to persevere in working for a lasting peace in democracy and freedom [end recording].

At a meeting at noon today which lasted for more than 3 hours, 406 councilmen attending the sixth National Congress of Councilmen held in Saigon unanimously adopted the following five-point resolution:

1. Resolutely reject all forms of coalition with the communists and all prefabricated political solutions that violate the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination;
2. Resolutely reject the three-segment government formula, no matter with what appellations it may be disguised;
3. Only agree on any political solution determined by the South Vietnamese people themselves;
4. Only agree on a solution whereby a cease-fire is effected throughout Indochina under effective international supervision, and whereby all North Vietnamese communist aggressor troops are totally withdrawn to the north; and
5. Positively cooperate with all echelons of the administration and motivate the people to participate in destroying all communists propaganda themes, annihilating the communist infrastructure, and taking all necessary preparatory steps to cope with the communists when a cease-fire takes place.

All the deputies and councilmen marched together to the Independence Palace to submit these two resolutions to the RVN president.

The president personally welcomed the deputies and councilmen on the steps of the Independence Palace. On this occasion the president reiterated firmly the logical RVN stand regarding a solution to the Vietnam war. He stressed that he will not sign any agreements without the concurrence of the National Assembly and the people.

ALL S. VIETNAM REJECTS THREE-SEGMENT COALITION SCHEME

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] These days throughout RVN territory our compatriots have voluntarily held meetings and demonstrations to condemn the malicious scheme of the communists and their henchmen to set up a so-called three-segment government. A demonstration held in Long Xuyen was participated in by more than 20,000 people of various circles, political parties, religious communities, social organizations, trade unions, student associations and civil defense members. Representatives of various mass organizations voiced their vehement opposition to the malicious maneuvers of the communists and pledged to strongly support the government in the anticommunist struggle to restore genuine peace to the country.

From these events one can see that not only President Thieu, our government, and the institutions of our national democracy but also our entire people have vehemently opposed the coalition stand promoted by the communists and their henchmen.

In Vinh Long, Quang Tin, Kien Hoa, Kien Phong, Long Xuyen, and many provinces and districts throughout the country our people have manifested the same will. All the 17.5 million people on this side of the 17th parallel have resisted the communists in an unprecedentedly fierce manner and opposed all their dark schemes aimed at taking over South Vietnam through such political stratagems as coalition.

The political scheme to set up a three-segment government is nothing but a coalition trap or camouflaged formula that reveals the weakness of the communists' trick. The effigies of the promoters of the three-segment government were burned by our compatriots to manifest their clearcut, right attitude toward the communists and their henchmen. Our compatriots are conscious of the danger that our country would meet if they followed the old 1946 rut. They have come to realize that for the past 3 years now the RVN Government, which was elected by the people and which has been leading the struggle for peace and working for peace, is a legal and constitutional government and has full competence and qualifications to represent the people in taking initiatives to decide the country's fate.

We are struggling for our country's peace and survival. Peace must be connected with the country's survival, just as our shadow stays with us. Coalition cannot lead to peace; rather it would lead to the loss of the country. Because of our eagerness for peace, we must not carelessly accept an unfavorable solution leading to the loss of our country. For the sake of our nation's peace and survival we are determined to oppose all coalition formulas. In fact, the three-segment government formula has been smashed by our armed forces and people.

Why only three segments when our anticommunist bloc contains more than 17.5 million segments? The communists have been outlawed and all activities and moves aimed at realizing and disseminating communism have been forbidden. The communists cannot be one of these segments. The political speculators, those fishing in troubled waters, the Vietnamese traitors seeking profits, and those unsubmitive exiles of bad reputation--all those hodgepodge, good-for-nothing elements cannot be one segment.

In South Vietnam there is but one biggest segment; that is, the bloc of 17.5 million citizens who are determined not to accept communism. Legally, the RVN Government represents these 17.5 million people and therefore has the full right to discuss and accept any political solution which it considers as rational and which can bring to Vietnam a peace guaranteeing that this country will not be lost. Our government also has the right to categorically reject all solutions running counter to the people's interests.

Against a background where colonialism has already reached its end, we cannot accept prefabricated strange solutions under pressure. We have valiantly fought to prevent the infiltration of communism, for the sake not only of Vietnam but also of the entire world. This country cannot be merchandise for sale or exchange, and peace cannot be a price in this sale or exchange. This is not the first time efforts have been made to force our country to accept this or that solution. But for several years we have stood above all pressures, and no one can impose a precommunist government on this South Vietnamese country. When we were not strong enough militarily, we still had enough strength to overcome all pressures. But today, as we have become strong and can shoulder the responsibility for protecting our country--or in other words, we have succeeded in modernizing our armed forces--who can pressure us into accepting a certain formula at a moment when we are determined to reject it?

For the sake of peace, we are ready to accept without worry and fear an internationally supervised cease-fire not only in South Vietnam but on the entire Indochina peninsula. This is the stand of the RVN and its allies. This cease-fire must remain within the framework of the RVN Government's eight-point peace proposal of 27 January 1972. All North Vietnamese troops must be withdrawn from South Vietnam and Indochina. All their equipment used in their aggression must also be taken back to North Vietnam. The communist clique will be allowed to enjoy nothing in Indochina, and it has no rights in South Vietnam, Cambodia or Laos. It must respect international laws and the national right to self-determination of the Vietnamese, Cambodian and Lao peoples. These countries will handle their own internal political affairs. No one will be allowed to interfere.

This is our government's inalterable stand. We are strong enough to protect our stand and force the communists to abandon violence.