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STATEMENT OF D.R.V.N. GOVERNMENT ON STATE  
OF NEGOTIATIONS

H NANOI VNA OCTOBER 26- FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE  
STATEMENT ISSUED HERE TODAY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM ON THE PRESENT STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS  
RELATING TO THE VIET NAM PROBLEM:

FOLLOWING YEARS OF A GLORIOUS RESISTANCE WAR OF OUR  
ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE IN BOTH ZONES, THE UNITED STATES  
HAD TO STOP IN OCTOBER 1968 THE BOMBARDMENTS AGAINST THE  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM AND ACCEPT THE HOLDING OF  
A FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE ON VIET NAM IN PARIS. THAT SITUATION  
OPENED UP PROSPECTS FOR RESTORING PEACE IN VIET NAM.

THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION CHOSE, HOWEVER, TO EMBARK ON  
THE PATH OF "VIETNAMIZATION OF THE WAR", AND NEGOTIATION  
FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH. AS A RESULT, THE U.S WAR OF  
AGGRESSION IN VIET NAM DRAGGED ON, WAS INTENSIFIED AND  
EXPANDED, AND THE VIET NAM PEACE NEGOTIATION COULD NOT  
MAKE ANY PROGRESS.

OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THE VALIANT AND UNDAUNTED  
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR JUST STRUGGLE ON