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LE DUC THO: PEACE IN VIETNAM DEPENDS ON AMERICANS

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[Text] Paris December 17 TASS--"I have arrived here in Paris as a token of good-will and with serious intentions, but the meeting with Henry Kissinger and the developments in South Vietnam will depend on the American side, on whether it too, proves the seriousness of its intentions," stated Political Bureau member, secretary of the CC of the Vietnam Working Peoples Party, special adviser and DRV Government envoy, Le Duc Tho.

In a statement for the press at Paris Airport Le Duc Tho stressed that the forthcoming meeting with the U.S. secretary of state would be held at the American side's suggestion and that the DRV Government agreed to it in order to discuss problems of mutual interest with account of the present serious situation in South Vietnam.

The DRV Government's envoy also noted that the Saigon administration constantly perpetrates serious violations of the ceasefire agreement, in which it is supported by the U.S. at the same time the U.S. is evading fulfillment of its commitments to make a contribution to the post-war restoration of the democratic republic of Vietnam.

The U.S. and Saigon, Le Duc Tho stated, ought to bear full responsibility for the situation that has developed in South Vietnam and the consequences of their violations of the Paris agreement on Vietnam and the joint communique of June 13, 1973.