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JMC HELICOPTER INCIDENT TERMED SERIOUS U.S. VIOLATION

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[Undated LPA commentary: "Who Violates the Paris Agreement?"]

[Text] The U.S. side and the lackey Saigon administration continue to make a fuss over the so-called incident of the Four-Party JMC team helicopters being attacked on the morning of 15 December 1973 in Binh Chanh district, Gia Dinh Province.

On 16 December the United States sent an official protest note to the ICCS, calling the aforementioned incident an extremely serious violation of the Paris agreement and the joint communique on the part of the PRGRSV. To reject the slanderous allegations of the United States and the Saigon administration, on 16 December 1973 the spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of South Vietnam issued a realistic statement on this issue, pointing out the responsibility of the United States and the Saigon administration.

With perfidious designs, the United States and the Saigon administration have taken advantage of the Four-Party JMC team's operational means and acted unilaterally without the concurrence of the PRGRSV. Article 16-A, Chapter 6, of the Paris agreement clearly specifies the operational principles of the Four-Party JMC, saying that its task is to insure joint action by the parties in implementing the provisions of the agreement concerning the functions of the Four-Party JMC. Thus, regarding the aforementioned incident, the U.S. side and the Saigon administration have blatantly violated the principle of joint action as stipulated in Article 16-A. They have taken a piratical action while calling for help and falsely accusing the PRGRSV of committing a cruel act. This is a very bad habit of those who specialize in turning white into black and are used to employing loud arguments to cover up their erroneous acts.

Who really is cruel and despicable in South Vietnam? Who continues to assist the Saigon administration in conducting many nibbling, pacification and police operations and barbarous bombardments of densely populated areas in the zone under PRGRSV control? Who is it, if not the United States?

Who has thus far condoned the Saigon administration's detention, torture and elimination of many of the more than 200,000 civilian prisoners? Who has continued to provide monetary and technical aid to consolidate the police force and the cruel prison system of Thieu in South Vietnam? Who is it, if not the United States?

Who has encouraged and colluded with the Saigon administration in opposing the Paris agreement and striving to negate the reality of two administrations, two armies, two zones of control and three political forces in South Vietnam? Who is it, if not the United States?

Who has left behind tens of thousands of disguised military advisers in South Vietnam to help the Saigon administration continue consolidating and strengthening its cruel fascist regime against the patriotic and peace-loving people in South Vietnam? Obviously, it is the United States and no one else.

The arrogant statement by U.S. Maj Richard Laritz, a survivor of the so-called incident of the Four-Party JMC team helicopters in Binh Chanh on 16 December, that "if ordered to go out again tomorrow, I will go"--according to AFP, Saigon, 16 December--further testifies to the U.S. involvement.

Judging from the numerous violations cited above, it can be clearly seen that the incident of the Four-Party JMC team helicopters has been created by the U.S. side and the Saigon administration and that it is a serious violation of the Paris agreement. The U.S. side and the Saigon administration must be held totally responsible for all consequences arising from their actions.