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ARMY PAPER HITS 'HUE AND CRY' OVER HELICOPTER INCIDENT

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 10--The U.S. and the Saigon administration are raising a hue and cry about what they called attack on helicopters of the four-party joint military team searching for missing persons in Binh Chanh district, Gia Dinh Province. In a commentary in this connection, the army paper QUAN DOI NHAN DAN said:

The DRV Government and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam which have consistently adopted an attitude of good will have advanced many reasonable proposals for the carrying out of Article 8 (B) of the Paris agreement on the search for those missing in action. However, because the U.S. and the Saigon administration have eluded the question, up to now no agreement has been reached in the four-party joint military team on this problem. The search for missing persons in Binh Chanh district was a unilateral act of the U.S.-Saigon side.

It absolutely received no previous agreement from the military delegations of the DRV Government and the PRGRSV.

It has become evident that the U.S. and the Saigon administration have violated Article 16 (A) of the Paris agreement which clearly stipulates the working procedure at the Four-Party Joint Military Commission whose task is to "ensure joint action by the parties" in implementing the various provisions of the agreement.

Another important thing is the reality that there exist at the present time in South Vietnam two administrations and two zones of control of the two South Vietnamese parties. If the United States wants to search for the graves of the dead and get information about those missing in action, the two South Vietnamese parties will together determine which zone of control this place belongs to and accordingly the United States will know from which side it should request assistance in the search. That the U.S.-Saigon side unilaterally conducted a search for the missing persons in Binh Chanh is obviously another attempt of the U.S. to deny the existence of two administrations and two zones of control in South Vietnam.

This is not the first time that the U.S. and the Saigon administration have taken such wrong and arrogant acts. In fact, they have many times disguised as IC members and used transport means with ICCS markings to reconnoitre PRG-controlled areas. They also made use of the corridor prescribed by the agreement for ICCS teams' flights to bomb the liberated areas as is the case in northwestern Kontum.