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SAIGON CHARGES COMMUNISTS CANCEL JMC TEAM MEETING

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[Text] Saigon (VP) Dec. 21--The communist side Thursday called off a meeting of the Four-Party Joint Military Team (FPJMT) on the pretext that Dec. 20 was its holiday.

The RVN military delegation had sent to the other side a note requesting its delegates to attend a meeting convened under emergency procedures on Thursday for discussion on the communists' firing at the FPJMT helicopter on Dec. 15 in Binh Chanh, Gia Dinh. However, the meeting became abortive due to the communist side's lack of goodwill.

For this reason, the RVN delegation to the FPJMT Thursday once again invited the communists to attend a meeting scheduled for Friday, Dec. 21.

LIBERATION RADIO CLAIMS U.S. RESUMES BOMBING IN CAMBODIA

Liberation Radio [Clandestine] in Vietnamese to Europe 1900 GMT 20 Dec 73 S

[Text] According to REUTER, on 20 December a U.S. F-111 bombed an area along the Mekong River. Six bombs were dropped by the aircraft in support of a group of watercraft belonging to the Phnom Penh puppet army travelling along the Mekong River, bringing supplies to the Lon Nol troops in Phnom Penh.

This indicates that after being forced to halt the bombing of Cambodia on 15 August and after sending its aircraft to carry out reconnaissance missions and other activities aimed at consolidating the puppet Lon Nol administration and army, the Nixon administration has now resorted to a brazen move by sending aircraft to bomb Cambodia.

The 20 December bombing in Cambodia was a premeditated act and part of the U.S. Government's evil scheme to prolong the war of aggression in Cambodia. AP reported that on 13 August, that is, 2 days before the United States was forced to halt the bombing of Cambodia, U.S. Defense Department spokesman Friedheim brazenly said: The United States does not rule out the possibility of using armed escort aircraft, bombers and other military activities in Cambodia if necessary.

The above incident again exposes the bellicosity and stubbornness of the U.S. ruling clique for it shows that this clique still refuses to end its military involvement in Cambodia. This is a brazen violation of Article 20 of the Paris agreement and Article 13 of the 13 June joint communique on respect for Cambodia's independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity.

The South Vietnamese people strongly condemn this brazen act of war by the U.S. ruling clique and demand that it immediately end its military involvement in Cambodia and allow the Cambodian people to settle their own internal affairs.

VNA REPORTS RELEASE OF U.S. CIVILIAN, TWO VIETNAMESE

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 20--The revolutionary administration in Soc Trang Province, South Vietnam, yesterday released an American civilian contractor named Homer Elm and his two Vietnamese assistants, Nguyen Van Nhien and Tran Kim Mon, according to LPA.