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NHAN DAN 22 DEC COMMENTARY ON KISSINGER-THO TALKS

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 22--The DRV Government's agreement to let its representative discuss with the U.S. Government's representative the implementation of the Paris agreement proves that it has always honoured the agreement while demanding that the U.S. and the Saigon administration do the same, noted the leading Hanoi paper, NHAN DAN, in a commentary today.

With regard to the attitude of the U.S. and the Saigon administration, the paper said: The U.S. and the Thieu administration have deliberately sabotaged the Paris agreement in a grave and systematic manner. Facts have proved that the only thing the U.S. has done is to reduce the war, not to end it. It has reduced its involvement in South Vietnam but has not terminated it completely. In its 1973-1974 budget, the U.S. Defence Department has earmarked enough for 1,400,000 tons of weapons and munition for the Saigon regime, more than 100,000 tons of which are being shipped to South Vietnam every month. Plans for armed conflicts, which have been going on since the signing of the Paris agreement, have been drawn up by Washington and directed by disguised American officers.

The paper went on: The fact that the Saigon administration cannot carry on with the war without the go-ahead and the money from the United States is not difficult to understand, and President Nixon must understand it better than anyone else. The American aggressive forces, however, have made another blunder.

After calling the heavy losses sustained by the Saigon army recently during its land-grab operations and its ever critical situation, the paper said: The surest way for the U.S. to avoid getting drowned in South Vietnam is to scrupulously implement all the provisions of the Paris agreement, first of all to end its involvement without further delay.

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LE DUC THO CALLS ON U.S. TO RECOGNIZE PRGRSV, COMMENTS ON TALKS

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[Excerpt] Paris, Dec 24 (AFP)--North Vietnamese Government representative Le Duc Tho said here today that if the United States fails to recognize the existence of the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of South Vietnam, the situation in South Vietnam will become "extremely grave."

In a televised interview, Mr Tho said: "It is up to Washington and Saigon how things develop." He added: "If the United States continues to interfere in South Vietnam's internal affairs in order to deny the existence of the PRG, the situation will become extremely grave." He called on the United States to "recognize the existence in South Vietnam of two governments, two armies and two zones of control, in application of the peace agreements."

The PRG and the South Vietnamese people would not stand by "with folded arms," Mr Tho said. "They will use all the means at their disposal to reply and to force the United States and Saigon to respect the Paris peace agreement."

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## 22 Dec Report

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[Text] Paris, Dec 22 (AFP)--North Vietnamese negotiator Le Duc Tho said today that he and United States Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had agreed to maintain their exchange of views on the Vietnam situation. The special counsellor of the North Vietnamese Government, emerging from a meeting with French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert, replied to journalists' questions about the discussion he had here last Thursday with Mr Kissinger.

"We met Mr Kissinger for only one day", Mr Tho commented. "We passed in review the situation in South Vietnam.

"We (the North Vietnamese) condemned the violations of important clauses of the Paris agreements by the United States and the Saigon government. We raised a certain number of questions. Mr Kissinger also raised a certain number of questions".

Mr Tho said it was agreed to maintain this type of contact and to study the points of view that had been expressed. The North Vietnamese official said he would be staying a few more days in Paris.

Concerning his talk today with Mr Jobert, Mr Tho said they surveyed the situation in Vietnam. He added that they thought relations between North Vietnam and France were developing daily thanks to the economic aid agreement the two governments had signed recently.

INDONESIAN DELEGATION'S INSPECTION OF NHA BE DEPOT PROTESTED

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[Text] On 22 December, Comrade Nguyen Viet, acting director of the Asian Affairs third department of the DRV Foreign Ministry, summoned Mr Usep Ranuwidjaja, Indonesian ambassador to the DRV, to the Foreign Ministry to protest the Indonesian delegation's recent unwarranted investigations at the Nha Ba gasoline depot at the Saigon administration's request.

Comrade Nguyen Viet pointed out: This act by the Indonesian delegation was completely contrary to the Paris agreement and protocols on the ICCS, which clearly stipulate that the ICCS should work according to the principle of consultation and unanimity--article 18F of the Paris agreement--and that the ICCS should act as an unified organ comprising delegates of all the four parties--Article 9 of the protocols to the agreement.

Comrade Nguyen Viet stressed: All acts by the Indonesian delegation to the ICCS which lack objectivity and impartiality only benefit the United States and Saigon puppet administration, which are seriously violating the Paris agreement and creating a very tense situation in South Vietnam. The Indonesian delegation to the ICCS should take an impartial and objective attitude in its activities in order to fulfill its duties as specified by the agreement.

Ambassador Usep Ranuwidjaja promised to make a report to the Indonesian Government immediately.

LEADERS SEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO MAO

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 25--Ton Duc Thang, president of the DRV, and Le Duan, first secretary of the VWP CC, today sent the following message to Chairman of the People's Republic of China Mao Tsetung.

"On the occasion of your 80th birthday, on behalf of the Vietnamese people, the Vietnam Workers Party and the DRV Government, we convey to you, the great leader of the Chinese people and a venerated and beloved friend of the Vietnamese people, our warmest congratulations.

"We sincerely wish you good health and longevity so as to lead the Communist Party of China and the fraternal Chinese people forward to gain many more and still greater victories in the cause of building the People's Republic of China into a powerful and prosperous socialist country, thus making an important contribution to the common struggle of the world people for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism.

"May the great friendship and fraternal militant solidarity between the two parties and peoples of Vietnam and China last forever!"

✓ NGUYEN HUU THO DELEGATION STOPS OVER IN HANOI 25 DEC

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 25--After concluding its official friendship visits to Poland, Hungary and the Soviet Union, the delegation of the Republic of South Vietnam led by President Nguyen Huu Tho stopped over here this afternoon on its way back to the Republic of South Vietnam.

The delegation was welcomed at the airport by Pham Van Dong, Political Bureau member of the VWP CC and premier of the DRV Government; Nguyen Duy Trinh, Political Bureau member of the party CC, vice-premier and minister for foreign affairs; Xuan Thuy, secretary of the party CC; Tran Dang Khoa, vice-chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee; Nguyen Thi Luu, Presidium member of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee; Pham My, director of the premier's office; Nguyen Co Thach, vice-minister for foreign affairs; Major-General Tran Sam, vice-minister of national defence; Tran Duy Hung, chairman of the Hanoi Administrative Committee; and many other ministers, vice-ministers and high-ranking officers of the Vietnam People's Army. Nguyen Van Tien, head of the special representation of the RSV to the DRV, and many members of this organ were on hand.

The delegation was also welcomed by ambassadors I.S. Shcherbakov of the Soviet Union, Bela Nemety of Hungary, and Wladyslaw Domagala of Poland.

At 1730, the special plane carrying the delegation touched down on the runway of Gia Lam airport. As President Nguyen Huu Tho, Minister Nguyen Thi Binh and the other members of the delegation smilingly stepped down the rampway, the (?scores) of welcomers burst into loud and joyful cheers. Premier Phan Van Dong and Nguyen Duy Trinh and Xuan Thuy walked up to the plane-side and heartily hugged President Nguyen Huu Tho and shook hands with Minister Nguyen Thi Binh and the other delegates, while a group of red-scarved Pioneers "Uncle (?Ho's) good nieces", presented the South Vietnamese personalities with bouquets of beautiful flowers.

President Nguyen Huu Tho and his party shook hands with the DRV leaders and representatives of the Hanoi population. They then shook hands with the Soviet, Hungarian and Polish ambassadors.

As the state reception of President Nguyen Huu Tho and the RSV delegation at the airport wound up, the motorcade bearing flags of the DRV and RSV carried President Nguyen Huu Tho and his delegation and Premier Phan Van Dong, Nguyen Duy Trinh and others to the government guest house, where President Ton Duc Thang, and Truong Chinh, Political Bureau member of the party CC and chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee, cordially received President Nguyen Huu Tho and the other delegates and warmly congratulated them for the fine success of their recent visits to the Soviet Union, Hungary and Poland.