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(TEXT) SAIGON, (VP), DEC. 26--LE DUC THO HAS MADE A SHARP, BITTER STATEMENT WHEN STAYING ON A PROGRAM OF THE FRENCH TELEVISION NETWORK THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM COMPLETELY DEPENDS ON WASHINGTON D.C., GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN NGUYEN QUOC CUONG SAID.

LE DUC THO, A MEMBER OF THE NORTH VIETNAM POLITBURE, ALSO REQUESTED THE UNITED STATES TO RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF TWO GOVERNMENTS, TWO ARMIES AND TWO REGIONS OF DIFFERENT CONTROL AUTHORITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

THE COMMUNISTS HAVE SEVERAL TIMES CLAIMED THAT THEY FIGHT TO DEFEND THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. NOW THEY CONTRADICTED THEMSELVES BY BEGGING THE U.S. TO APPROVE ALL THE MATTERS THAT SHOULD BE SOLVED BY THE VIETNAMESE ONLY.

THE COMMUNIST DEMANDS ARE MORE UNREASONABLE AS THEY HAVE NO LAND, NO CAPITAL, BUT INSIST ON THE RECOGNITION OF TWO GOVERNMENTS, TWO ARMIES IN TWO DIFFERENT REGIONS OF SOUTH VIETNAM. RECENTLY THEY MADE A VERY INSENSIBLE ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT BUT DIDN'T NAME THE AREA WHERE THE EVENT TOOK PLACE.

SPOKESMAN CUONG ALSO CRITICIZED THE COMMUNIST DARK PLOT IN PRINTING PICTURES OF THAN THO LANE IN DA LAT AND SOME SCENIC SPOTS IN VUNG TAU IN THEIR CALENDAR AS IF THESE AREAS WERE UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

COMMENTING ON THE SAME STATEMENT OF LE DUC THO, SPOKESMAN NGUYEN BICH HAO OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAID THIS COMMUNIST LEADER DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE PARIS AGREEMENT THAT HE HIMSELF TOOK PART IN THE DRAFTING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FROM BOTH THE POINT OF VIEW OF LAW PRINCIPLE AND REALITY THERE ARE IMPOSSIBLY TWO GOVERNMENTS AND TWO ARMIES OF TWO SEPERATE REGIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM SINCE THE COMMUNISTS ARE ONLY SUCCESSFUL IN THE SETTING UP OF IRREGULAR TROOPS CONCENTRATION AREAS WITH MOSTLY NORTH VIETNAMESE REGULARS.

REALITY HAS REVEALED THAT WHEREVER THE COMMUNISTS COME, THE PEOPLE RUN AWAY, OBVIOUSLY IN QUANG TRI AND AN LOC LAST YEAR AND KIEN DUC (QUANG DUC) RECENTLY.

THE 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENT AS WELL AS THE 1972 PARIS AGREEMENT RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT IN EACH PART OF VIETNAM SEPARATED BY THE 17TH PARALLEL. THE RVN GOVERNMENT IS THE ONLY CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

THE DEMANDS OF LE DUC THO ARE INSULTS TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. THE PRESENCE OF THE COMMUNISTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS NEVER ACCEPTED. HOWEVER, THESE DEMANDS INDICATE THAT THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT IS ONLY AN OFFSHOOTING OF COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM THAT HAS NO REAL STRENGTH, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN. 27 DEC MORCHER 270436Z DEC 73

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((TEXT)) HANOI VNA DECEMBER 27 -- SPECIAL ADVISOR LE DUC THO, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DRV GOVERNMENT AT THE MEETING WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, WAS ACCORDED AN INTERVIEW TO THE FRENCH RADIO-TELEVISION NETWORK ORTF.

ASKED ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING, SPECIAL ADVISOR LE DUC THO SAID:

THE MEETING ON DECEMBER 20 WAS PROPOSED BY THE U.S. SIDE, BECAUSE IT LASTED ONLY ONE DAY, WE COULD NOT DISCUSS ALL THE COMPLICATED PROBLEMS POSED BY THE PRESENT SERIOUS SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE TWO SIDES ONLY RE-EXAMINED THE SITUATION AND EACH PRESENTED ITS VIEWS ON THE QUESTIONS BROUGHT UP. THE TWO SIDES DECIDED TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT CANAL ((CHANNEL)) FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AS WARRANTED BY EVENTS.

THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER OR NOT THE UNITED STATES AND THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION REALLY WANT PEACE IN VIETNAM. IF THEY DO, THEY MUST STRICTLY RESPECT AND SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 13, 1973.

ASKED IF HE HAD ACHIEVED ANY POSITIVE RESULT AND WHETHER THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING HAD BEEN SET, LE DUC THO SAID:

AS I HAVE TOLD YOU, THE TWO SIDES AGREE TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT CANAL, BUT HAVE NOT COME TO ANY CONCRETE DECISION AND HAVE NOT DECIDED WHEN TO MEET AGAIN.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE PROSPECTS OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM, LE DUC THO SAID:

THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM WAS SIGNED NEARLY ONE YEAR AGO AND MORE THAN SIX MONTHS HAVE GONE SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION HAVE VIOLATED MANY ESSENTIAL PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. AS A RESULT, THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM REMAINS VERY SERIOUS. THE FUNDAMENTAL CAUSE OF THIS SITUATION LIES IN THE FACT THAT ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES HAS FAILED IN VIETNAM AND HAD TO WITHDRAW ALL ITS TROOPS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES REMAINS TO USE THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION AS AN INSTRUMENT TO CONTINUE THE WAR AND REALIZE THE "NIXON DOCTRINE" IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE U.S. NEO-COLONIALISM ON SOUTH VIETNAM.

THE SITUATION MAY EVOLVE ALONG EITHER OF THESE TWO TRENDS:

THE FIRST POSSIBILITY IS THAT THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE VIOLATING THE AGREEMENT, ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION IN ITS WAR ACTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DO AWAY WITH THE PRESENT REALITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM THAT THERE

EXIST TWO ADMINISTRATIONS, TWO ARMIES AND TWO AREAS OF CONTROL,

THUS RENDERING THE SITUATION THERE VERY SERIOUS. THE U.S. AND THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE CONSEQUENCES ARISING FROM THEIR ACTS. THE VIETNAMESE ARMY AND PEOPLE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM SHALL NOT SIT IDLE, BUT ARE DETERMINED TO TAKE ALL MEASURES TO RESIST IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER IN ORDER TO DEFEND THE AGREEMENT AND THE GAINS OF THE REVOLUTION. THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S JUST STRUGGLE WILL GO THROUGH MANY MORE DIFFICULTIES AND COMPLEXITIES, BUT WILL SURELY TRIUMPH.

THE SECOND POSSIBILITY IS THAT THE U.S. WOULD SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT, STOP ITS MILITARY INVOLVEMENT AND INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIETNAM, STOP ITS ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT TO THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION IN ITS CONTINUATION OF THE WAR, AND RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NOW IN SOUTH VIETNAM TWO ADMINISTRATIONS, TWO ARMIES AND TWO AREAS OF CONTROL, LEAVE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ALONE TO SETTLE THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AT THE SAME TIME WOULD STOP ITS RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER NORTH VIETNAM AND FULFIL ITS TASK OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE HEALING OF THE WOUNDS OF WAR IN THE DRV.

FOR OUR PART, WE ARE RESOLVED TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SCRUPULOUSLY. NOW WILL THE SITUATION EVOLVE DEPENDS ON THE U.S. AND THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION.

I THINK IT WOULD BE THE BEST IF THE SITUATION EVOLVES ALONG THE SECOND TREND. THAT IS WHAT WE WANT BECAUSE IT WOULD GUARANTEE REAL PEACE IN VIETNAM, CREATE CONDITIONS FOR THE NORMALIZATION OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DRV AND U.S. AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE

SAFEGUARDING OF PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE WORLD.

ASKED ABOUT THE U.S. COMMITMENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, LE DUC THO SAID:

AS YOU KNOW, THE DRV-U.S. JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HAS HAD MANY MEETINGS IN PARIS AND HAS COME TO THE AGREEMENT ON BASIC QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, UP TO NOW, THE U.S. STILL REFUSES TO SIGN AND TO FULFIL THE POINTS ALREADY AGREED UPON. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY BRAZEN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 21 OF THE AGREEMENT. THE U.S. HAS NO REASON WHATSOEVER TO SHINK ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS QUESTION SINCE IT HAS DEVASTATED OUR COUNTRY. IT HAS TO PAY THIS DEBT TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE FIRMLY DEMAND THAT IT PAYS ITS DEBT. 270829 CHERRY 90 27/1052L DEC

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((TEXT)) ACCORDING TO THE VNA CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS, SPECIAL
ADVISER LE DUC THO, OUR GOVERNMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE, ON 24 DECEMBER,
GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO THE FRENCH NATIONAL TELEVISION. FOLLOWING
ARE THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

QUESTION 1. MR SPECIAL ADVISER, CAN YOU TELL US OF THE RESULTS
OF YOUR TALK WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER?

ANSWER: THE 20 DECEMBER MEETING WAS SUGGESTED BY THE U.S.
SIDE. AS IT TOOK PLACE ON 1 DAY ONLY, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS
ALL THE COMPLEX QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE CURRENT SERIOUS SITUATION
IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE TWO SIDES ONLY REVIEWED THE SITUATION AND
EACH SIDE PRESENTED ITS VIEWS ON THE QUESTIONS RAISED. THEY DECIDED
TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT CHANNEL FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AS WARRANTED

BY EVENTS. THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER OR NOT THE UNITED STATES
AND SAIGON ADMINISTRATION REALLY WANT PEACE IN VIETNAM. IF THEY
REALLY DESIRE IT, THEY MUST STRICTLY RESPECT AND SCRUPULOUSLY
IMPLEMENT ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM AND
THE 15 JUNE, 1973 JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

QUESTION 2. DID YOU OBTAIN CONCRETE RESULTS, AND WAS A FUTURE
MEETING BE DECIDED ON YET?

ANSWER: AS I HAVE ANSWERED YOU, THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO MAINTAIN
THE PRESENT CHANNEL. NO CONCRETE DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED YET,
AND NO DATE HAS YET BEEN AGREED ON A FUTURE MEETING.

QUESTION 3. WHAT DO YOU SEE OF THE PROSPECTS FOR THE SITUATION
IN SOUTH VIETNAM?

ANSWER: ALTHOUGH NEARLY 1 YEAR HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE SIGNING
OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM AND MORE THAN 6 MONTHS HAVE
ELAPSED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE UNITED
STATES AND SAIGON ADMINISTRATION HAVE VIOLATED MANY ESSENTIAL
PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. CONSEQUENTLY
THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM AT PRESENT IS EXTREMELY SERIOUS.
THE FUNDAMENTAL CAUSE OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IS THE FACT THAT
ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES HAS SUFFERED DEFEAT IN VIETNAM AND HAS
BEEN COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW ALL ITS TROOPS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM,
U.S. POLICY REMAINS ONE OF USING THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION AS
A TOOL TO CONTINUE THE WAR AND ACHIEVE THE WICKER GOALS IN AN
ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE U.S. NEOCOLONIALISM ON SOUTH VIETNAM. THE SITUATION
MAY DEVELOP ACCORDING IN TWO DIRECTIONS.

THE FIRST DIRECTION IS THAT THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO
VIOLATE THE AGREEMENT, CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE
SAIGON ADMINISTRATION IN CARRYING OUT THE WAR WITH A VIEW TO DEVIATING
THE ACTUAL SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHEREBY THERE ARE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS

TWO ARMIES AND TWO ZONES OF CONTROL. CONSEQUENTLY THE SOUTH VIETNAM
SITUATION WILL BECOME EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND THE UNITED STATES
AND SAIGON ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE TO BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY
FOR ALL THE CONSEQUENCES ARISING FROM SUCH A SITUATION CAUSED BY
THEM. THE SOUTH VIETNAM ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP
OF THE PROGRV, WILL CERTAINLY NOT SIT WITH FOLDED ARMS. RESOLUTELY
THEY WILL USE ALL THE MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO REPLY APPROPRIATELY
TO PROTECT THE AGREEMENT AND THE FRUITS OF THE REVOLUTION ACHIEVED.
THE (VIETNAMESE) ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE'S JUST STRUGGLE WILL
GO THROUGH ANVUOUS AND COMPLEX STAGES, BUT IT WILL CERTAINLY
BE VICTORIOUS.

THE SECOND DIRECTION IS THAT THE UNITED STATES SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENTS THE AGREEMENT, CEASES ITS MILITARY INVOLVEMENT AND INTERVENTION IN SOUTH VIETNAM'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, STOPS ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION IN CONTINUING THE WAR, AND RECOGNIZES THE ACTUAL SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM WHEREBY THERE ARE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS, TWO ARMIES, AND TWO ZONES OF CONTROL SO THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE MAY SETTLE THEIR OWN INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE UNITED STATES IS TO END ITS RECONNAISSANCE OVER NORTH VIETNAM AND DISCHARGE ITS OBLIGATION OF CONTRIBUTING TO HEALING THE WOUNDS OF THE WAR IN THE DRV.

FOR OUR PART, WE ARE RESOLVED TO SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. IT IS UP TO THE UNITED STATES AND SAIGON ADMINISTRATION HOW THINGS DEVELOP. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS BEST THAT THE SITUATION DEVELOP ACCORDING TO THE SECOND DIRECTION. THIS IS WHAT WE DESIRE. IT ASSURES GENUINE PEACE IN VIETNAM AND CREATES CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DRV AND THE UNITED STATES. AT THE SAME TIME, IT CONTRIBUTES TO

THE DEFENSE OF PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

QUESTION 4. DID YOU GET (FURTHER) U.S. ASSURANCES ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR RECONSTRUCTION IN THE DRV?

ANSWER: AS YOU KNOW, THE DRV-U.S. JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION HAS MET ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN PARIS AND HAS COME TO AGREEMENT ON BASIC QUESTIONS. UP TO NOW, HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT YET SIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY BRAZEN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 21 OF THE AGREEMENT. THE UNITED STATES HAS NO REASON AT ALL TO EVADE ITS RESPONSIBILITY, BECAUSE

IT IS IT WHICH HAS RAVAGED OUR COUNTRY. IT MUST PAY THAT DEBT INCURRED AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, AND THE LATTER RESOLUTELY DEMAND THAT IT PAY THAT DEBT. 061430 NL/DUNION NN 26/1795Z DEC 61

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