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HANOI RADIO SCORES SCHLESINGER 10 JAN REMARKS ON VIETNAM

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[Text] On 10 January, U.S. Defense Secretary Schlesinger, for the second time in 4 days, said menacingly that Nixon would urgently ask Congress to authorize the use of the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam to cope with a product of his imagination--that is, a so-called large-scale offensive by North Vietnam. He was so brazen as to say that the United States would use its air force in Vietnam to insure strict implementation of the Paris agreement. The Paris agreement, as everyone knows, prohibits U.S. military involvement in South Vietnam and all U.S. military actions in Vietnam.

The U.S. defense secretary's repeated threats, coupled with an announcement by the United States that it will turn 100 F-5E aircraft over to the Saigon administration, constitute a gross violation of the spirit and letter of the Paris agreement and encouragement of the Saigon administration's arrogant actions.

The Vietnamese people in both parts of the country have on several occasions pointed out that their major policy is to strictly implement the Paris agreement, while remaining resolved to punish the warmongers if they violate the agreement.

U.S. ENCOURAGING SAIGON TO FURTHER SABOTAGE PARIS AGREEMENT

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[Commentary: "Blind Warmongers, Wake Up"]

[Text] The situation in South Vietnam is becoming increasingly tense. On 9 January the Nguyen Van Thieu administration ordered its air force to systematically attack anywhere in the PRGRSV-controlled areas. Today, 10 January, Radio Australia reported that aircraft of the Saigon armed forces have launched a fierce bombing campaign against all areas controlled by the PRGRSV.

Everyone still remembers that in the past few days the Saigon administration repeatedly uttered words that strongly smelled of gunpowder. On 4 January, Nguyen Van Thieu brazenly declared that war had resumed and that it would be necessary to launch a direct offensive against Viet Cong areas. Thieu's military spokesman stated even more clearly that the air force would act first and that ground troops might be used subsequently. After accusing the PRGRSV of violating the Paris agreement, Saigon government spokesman Bui Bao Truc arrogantly said that Saigon had used the air force as a means to force the adversary to implement the agreement.

To encourage the lackeys, U.S. Defense Secretary Schlesinger threatened to resume the bombing of the north. The Nixon administration then made known that it would provide modern F-5 jet fighters for the Thieu clique to enable the latter to intensify the bombing of the liberated areas.

Obviously, under U.S. guidance, the Nguyen Van Thieu administration is frantically sabotaging the Paris agreement and peace. After the agreement was signed the United States massively introduced arms, aircraft, tanks and guns for Thieu's benefit and has left behind more than 24,000 military advisers disguised as civilians to help Thieu. Moreover, events occurring in the past few days are more evident proof that the United States is actively helping the Thieu clique intensify warlike acts and advance further on the military adventurous path in South Vietnam in the hope of obliterating the reality that there are in South Vietnam two administrations, two armies and two liberated regions [as heard] so that the United States may continue to establish neocolonialism in South Vietnam and perpetuate Vietnam's partition.

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The aforementioned attitude and acts lay bare more obviously than ever the warlike face and dark designs of the United States and the Saigon administration, constitute very crude trampling on the southern people's aspirations for peace and national reconciliation and concord, and constitute an insolent challenge to our entire people and progressive mankind.

But, with the signing of the Paris agreement on Vietnam in the past year, did the United States and Saigon administration draw a lesson from their bitter failures? The Nixon administration has been bogged down more deeply in accumulated difficulties in all fields. It is isolated externally and is suffering from internal confusion and dissension. As for the Thieu clique, it is heading for an increasingly serious crisis. It is isolated to a high degree and faced with economic slump. The life of the people living in Thieu-controlled areas is very miserable and difficult. The rearline of the Thieu clique is never stable. Is it not true that even Thieu had to admit on 4 January that the situation in rural areas had deteriorated so much that he panicked and shouted? Thieu has perhaps understood more clearly than anyone else the appropriate punitive blows dealt by the liberation armed forces to the Saigon troops conducting nibbling, pacification and terrorizing operations.

South Cua Viet, (Chu Nghe), Thanh Due, Bu Dong, Kien Duc, Dak Song, the Bien Hoa and Cu Hanh airfields, the (Xeo Ro) base and the Nha Be oil depot are still terrors that obsess the Nguyen Van Thieu warmongers. Facts have eloquently demonstrated that if they continue farther on the warmonger road, the United States and Saigon administration will surely sustain heavier defeats and will surely be immersed more deeply into a crisis from all points of view. The United States and Saigon administration need to clearly realize that they cannot reverse the present situation, which is unfavorable to them, by engaging on the path of new military adventures in South Vietnam. The blind warmongers need to awaken in time to the stern reality.

As pointed out in the 9 January statement of the spokesman of the PRGRSV delegation to the Paris conference between the two South Vietnamese parties, the stand and goodwill of the Vietnamese people and PRGRSV call for respect for the Paris agreement on Vietnam and the 13 June joint communique and, at the same time, call for firm struggle to demand that the United States and the Saigon administration also respect the agreement. If the Nixon administration refuses to draw useful lessons and if it blindly continues to encourage the Saigon administration to embark on new military adventures it will become more deeply bogged down in South Vietnam and will meet heavier setbacks.

NHAN DAN ARTICLE SAYS SAIGON DELAYING RETURN OF PRISONERS

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[Text] Hanoi VNA January 12--The leading Hanoi paper NHAN DAN today ran an article vehemently condemning the Saigon administration for deliberately delaying the return of all captured and detained personnel. It said:

Recently, the Saigon administration claimed that there was "positive progress" on the question of the release of captured military and civilian personnel. While attributing this "progress" to its "initiative" it held the PRG responsible for the delay of the release of the detained personnel before the Vietnamese traditional Tet.

The paper went on: Along with its escalation of the armed conflict and violation of the cease-fire, the Saigon administration has repeatedly sabotaged the provisions concerning the return of captured and detained personnel. It continues detaining 200,000 political prisoners while delaying the release of 5,081 civilian personnel who, by its own admission, are still detained.