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[LEA commentary: "Nothing Is More Obvious"]

[Text] Yes, his name is Graham Martin. But some U.S. papers, such as the Washington STAR and the GUARDIAN have given him other names more suitable to his deeds in South Vietnam: "the fighting ambassador" and "the peace-sabotaging ambassador". On 12 June, 1974, after giving Graham Martin a new name, the U.S. paper GUARDIAN did not forget to clearly point out that the U.S. Government had entrusted him with a special mission; that is, to supervise the implementation of the Nixon administration's scheme to sabotage the 1973 peace agreement.

One wonders whether, having this mission, Martin can be a person who is eager for peace and is struggling with all sincerity to bring about peace, as the U.S. Embassy in Saigon boasted in its 18 June statement. One also wonders whether a person who has been entrusted with the mission of continuing the war through the U.S. henchmen in Saigon and who has cooked up the myth that the Nguyen Van Thieu puppet clique is properly implementing the obligations specified in the Paris agreement, has clearly displayed its good will, and so forth, can deceive public opinion.

How can there be sincerity in the statement by Martin, who once advised U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger not to make true reports on the U.S. activities in South Vietnam to U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy and the U.S. Congress? Moreover, there can be no sincerity in the statement of a person who is so confused and insolent that he is ready to falsely accuse anyone of being a tool of Hanoi--regardless of whether he is a newsman, a religious person, a capitalist, or a U.S. congressman--if they condemn the brutality and rottenness of the Saigon regime and desire that the United States end its useless efforts to continue its aggression in South Vietnam, which has brought no profits.

In the present situation in South Vietnam, there is only one clear fact. As objectively pointed out by the GUARDIAN on 2 April, the South Vietnam problem has become very clear: On one side there are the peace forces, led by the PRGRSV, who **desire to implement the Paris agreement**; and on the other side, there is the United States, who has fomented the war through its lackey, the Saigon regime, which relies on the United States to survive.

Both the United States and Saigon want to tear up the Paris agreement. This clear fact exposes the slander, distortion, and vile maneuver contained in the U.S. Embassy statement of 18 June 1974. In fact, if this was not a premeditated, vile maneuver, how could the U.S. Embassy release this nonsensical statement only a few minutes after the Two-Party and Four-Party JMC sessions became deadlocked due to the obstinate refusal of the U.S.-Thieu clique to recognize and guarantee the privileges and immunities of the PRGRSV and DRV military delegations?

The United States has also slanderously charged that the DRV Government and the PRGRSV have stepped up their war activities aimed at winning the South Vietnamese people to their side by force and have refused to observe the cease-fire. In the hope that public opinion will confuse right and wrong, the United States has repeated its shopworn, unreasonable allegation--rejected long ago--that the Vietnamese have invaded Vietnamese territory, while the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen are peace-loving people struggling against aggression. One wonders whether there is a more irrational allegation.

Dealing with Martin's words and deeds, the Washington STAR observed right at the beginning that they obviously were not those of a fanatical ambassador in Saigon, but rather, they were the words and deeds of Washington, which refuses to abandon the Saigon administration. This is why Nixon, Kissinger, and Schlesinger have continued to become more deeply involved militarily and to more brazenly intervene in South Vietnam while leaving in place and introducing into this country thousands of military advisers disguised as civilians. They have continually increased military aid; massively sent weapons, ammunition, and even F-5E aircraft to South Vietnam; and plan to introduce F-5F aircraft into this country. All of these facts have been persistently condemned by public opinion and were exposed by the PRGRSV Foreign Ministry in its 15 June 1974 memorandum.

All of these U.S. acts in contravention of the Paris agreement are arrogantly considered by high-ranking officials in the Nixon administration as necessitated by tacit **commitments** designed to serve the vital interests of the United States. In fact, nothing is more clear than the PRGRSV's attribution of the root cause of the present serious situation in South Vietnam to the continued U.S. military involvement aimed at imposing neocolonialism on our people.

Therefore, no matter how many statements he may issue, Martin--the U.S. governor in charge of heading the U.S. war machinery in Saigon and directing the Thieu clique in intensifying its pacification and nibbling activities, the ambassador **especially entrusted** by Washington with the responsibility to sabotage the Paris agreement--can in no way cover up even a part of this obvious truth.