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SUBJECT: GVN TRANSMITS ITS DECLARATION OF JANUARY 3 ON CURRENT OFFENSIVE TO PARTIES TO ACT OF PARIS CONFERENCE

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1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS TEXT OF GVN NOTE OF JANUARY 4 (DELIVERED TO EMBASSY JAN 6) TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM CONTAINING THE TEXT OF ITS DECLARATION OF JANUARY 3 CONCERNING RECENT NVA ATTACKS IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: NOTE NO 18/BNG/50. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM SIGNED AT PARIS ON 2 MARCH 1973 AND HAS THE HONOUR TO DRAW THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF THE PARTIES TO THE GRAVE SITUATION NOW PREVAILING IN SOUTH VIET-NAM.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WISHES TO QUOTE HEREUNDER THE FULL TEXT OF A DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ISSUED IN SAIGON ON 3 JANUARY 1974 (TEXT OF DECLARATION FOLLOWS. SEE REPTEL.)

4. FOLLOWING QUOTATION OF COMPLETE TEXT OF JANUARY 3 DECLARATION, THE NOTE CONTINUES (BEGIN QUOTE): IT IS APPARENT FROM THESE OCCURRENCES THAT NORTH VIET-NAM ADMINISTRATION AND ITS SOUTHERN ARM, THE SELF-STYLED "PRG", HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO A SYSTEMATIC AND OVERT POLICY OF REVERTING TO A LARGE SCALE WAR OF AGGRESSION WITH THE ULTIMATE AND AVOWED OBJECTIVE OF CONQUERING THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM BY FORCE OF ARMS.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS THE SOLEMN DUTY TO APPRISE THE PARTIES OF THE PRECARIOUS SITUATION IN VIET-NAM WHICH HAS ARISEN AS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF NORTH VIET-NAM'S CONTINUED AND DANGEROUS ESCALATION OF MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM AND OF ITS ARROGANT DISREGARD OF THE LETTER AS WELL AS THE SPIRIT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

6. FAITHFUL TO ITS FULL AND WHOLEHEARTED COMMITMENT TO PEACE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM REMAINS FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973 SHOULD BE STRICTLY RESPECTED AND FULLY IMPLEMENTED. IT THEREFORE EARNESTLY REQUESTS THAT THE PARTIES TAKE URGENT AND APPROPRIATE MEASURES IN ORDER TO INDUCE THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE END TO THEIR POLICY OF ARMED AGGRESSION, AND TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS AT LA CELLE SAINT CLOUD AND IN SAIGON, WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973.

7. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SAIGON, 4 JANUARY 1975. END TEXT