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COMMENTARY: U.S. RESPONSIBLE FOR SABOTAGING PARIS ACCORD

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[Station commentary: "The United States Must Bear Full Responsibility for Sabotaging the Paris Agreement and Continuing the War in South Vietnam"]

[Text] The Paris agreement was signed nearly 2 years ago. If the United States and the Saigon administration had fulfilled their commitments and scrupulously implemented all provisions in the agreement, peace would have been restored, thus responding to the imperative desire of all people. However, they have persisted in sabotaging the agreement, continuing the war, and committing more crimes against the South Vietnamese people.

On 10 [as heard] January 1975, the committee for denouncing the war crimes of the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen in South Vietnam issued a special communique which systematically exposed the crimes of the United States and the Thieu administration that have sabotaged the Paris agreement over the past 2 years. According to the communique, they have committed the following major crimes: Increasing pacification and nibbling operations; using toxic bombs and shells to destroy villages and hamlets and massacre the people; trampling on democratic freedoms; repressing, terrorizing, and exploiting the people in areas under the Saigon administration's control; continuing the illegal detention of more than 200,000 political prisoners and 15,000 military prisoners; and killing or liquidating many people.

Emphasizing the U.S.-Thieu clique's war crimes over the past 2 years, the communique points out: Up to 20 December 1974, the United States and its henchmen conducted 58,717 nibbling operations, bombing raids and strafings; perpetrated hundreds of massacres of civilians; and used aircraft, heavy guns, tanks and bulldozers to raze and clear many vast areas. Between 28 January 1973 and 30 November 1974, some 1,728 villages or hamlets were bulldozed, completely destroying 300 hamlets. Up to 30 November 1974, the Thieu administration had flown more than 41,000 sorties to drop nearly 180,000 bombs and had fired nearly 6 million shells. Its infantry and armored forces and its bombs and shells have killed or wounded 26,500 of our compatriots and demolished tens of thousands of houses and hundreds of hospitals, schools, chapels, pagodas and public utility projects.

The United States must bear heavy responsibility for all these crimes because, since the signing of the Paris agreement, it has continued its military involvement and its interference in the internal affairs of South Vietnam and has persisted in supporting and aiding the Nguyen Van Thieu puppet administration to continue the Vietnamized war with a view to imposing neocolonialism on South Vietnam. In fact, the United States has continued to give dollars, weapons and war materiel to Nguyen Van Thieu.

Saigon public opinion has denounced the fact that before signing the Paris agreement, the United States poured \$1 billion into South Vietnam, and up to now it has granted Thieu \$6 billion in aid. Since signing the Paris agreement, United States left more than 25,000 U.S. military advisers disguised as civilians in South Vietnam to command and train the Saigon army. Many U.S. generals have taken turns going to South Vietnam to control and encourage the implementation of war schemes. U.S. aircraft and warships have consistently encroached on the airspace and territorial waters of South Vietnam.

Several times the U.S. ruling circles have spoken of their unchanging policy toward Vietnam and their determination to support and assist the Nguyen Van Thieu administration. Thanks to U.S. assistance, Thieu has been maintained in power. Thanks to U.S. money, weapons and war materiel, Thieu's army has been able to continue the criminal war. Up to now, the Ford administration has continued Nixon's policy. It has publicly revealed its scheme to cling to South Vietnam and to maintain Thieu by increasing its military and economic aid. At present, the U.S. ruling circles are resorting to all types of odious maneuvers to get more money for their henchmen in Saigon. They are also closely controlling all activities of the Thieu clique. The U.S. Defense Department has set up a new organ in charge of studying the increase in military aid to Saigon. Following the trips by many U.S. generals and a U.S. congressional delegation to investigate the situation in South Vietnam, the U.S. deputy secretary of state for international security affairs and a U.S. official stationed in Phnom Penh have come to Saigon to consider U.S. military and economic aid to Thieu. Even more serious is the fact that the United States has sent a U.S. naval task force comprising 11 warships to South Vietnam's territorial waters for a show of power and to threaten our people.

These facts indicate that, as pointed out in today's statement by our Foreign Ministry spokesman, the Ford administration, heedless of the Paris agreement on Vietnam, is continuing its military involvement and intervention in South Vietnam's internal affairs and is providing the Thieu clique with dollars and weapons to intensify the war and sabotage the negotiations. The United States, acting like a thief who cries stop thief, is trying to blame its opponents, falsely accusing the southern revolutionary government and the DRV Government.

Nevertheless, the world and progressive American people have seen through the perfidious scheme of the U.S. ruling circles to use a smokescreen to cover up U.S. military involvement and intervention in South Vietnam's internal affairs. The objective of these fallacious accusations and arguments is to exert pressure on the U.S. Congress so it will agree to provide the U.S. lackeys in Saigon with more aid to continue the war. Far from being deceived, the world and progressive American people clearly realize that the unswerving stand of the southern revolutionary government is to struggle resolutely for the serious implementation of the Paris agreement, peace and national reconciliation and concord.

The southern revolutionary government has asserted: The signing of the Paris agreement marks a great victory by the Vietnamese people after many years of hard and heroic struggle. Therefore, the South Vietnamese people are determined to resolutely safeguard this achievement. The southern revolutionary government has also manifested its goodwill by respecting and thoroughly implementing the Paris agreement and has demanded that the United States and the Saigon administration act likewise. Nevertheless, the United States and its bellicose lackeys in Saigon are continuing to sabotage the agreement and to make war against the South Vietnamese people.

To safeguard the Paris agreement, defend the liberated areas and protect the lives and property of the people, the southern liberation armed forces must deal counterblows to the enemy, punish the nibblers and pacifiers and frustrate the criminal war plans of the United States and its henchmen. As long as the United States and the Thieu administration continue to sabotage the agreement and make war, they will continue to encounter counterblows and be subjected to appropriate punishment.

The objectives of the struggle of the southern armed forces and people are to safeguard the Paris agreement and achieve peace and national reconciliation and concord-- thus meeting the earnest aspirations of all strata of the people. The objectives of the current struggle of the southern urban people are to demand that Thieu and his faction be overthrown and that a new administration which will seriously implement the Paris agreement be formed in Saigon.

For nearly 2 years now, the United States and the bellicose lackey administration in Saigon have sabotaged the Paris agreement by continuing the way and committing countless additional crimes against the South Vietnamese people. Nevertheless, they have suffered repeated setbacks and heavy blows and are encountering insoluble political, military and economic problems. There is but one way for the United States and Thieu to follow: To seriously implement the Paris agreement or continue the war. If the United States and the bellicose lackey Nguyen Van Thieu clique continue to stubbornly sabotage the agreement and prolong the war instead of learning from their setbacks, they will certainly court heavier defeats.

Our people and the progressive peoples of the world demand that the United States and the Saigon administration respect and seriously implement the Paris agreement, renounce their ambition to impose neocolonialism on South Vietnam and meet the earnest aspirations of all strata of the South Vietnamese people for peace and national reconciliation and concord.