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FOREIGN MINISTRY APPEALS TO PARTIES TO INTERNATIONAL ACT

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[Excerpts] Saigon (VP) April 1--The RVN Ministry of Foreign Affairs has recently sent a note to the parties to the act of the International Conference on Vietnam, appealing to them to take strong and immediate measures in conformity with Article 7A of the act to cope with the dangerous situation now prevailing in South Vietnam.

Full text of the note reads as follows:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vietnam presents its compliments to the parties to the act of the International Conference on Vietnam signed in Paris on 2 March 1973, and has the honour to draw their particular attention to the ministry's note No 652-BNG-35 of 12 March 1975, in which the ministry has appraised the parties of the extremely grave situation resulting from the massive and violent offensive launched by communist North Vietnamese troops throughout the territory of the Republic of Vietnam since 4 March 1975.

In this connection, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to quote hereafter the full text of its declaration issued in Saigon on 24 March 1975. [passage omitted containing text of the declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vietnam on the general offensive by communist North Vietnam]

The present general offensive by the communists shows that North Vietnam is deliberately pursuing its avowed aim of subjugating the Republic of Vietnam by force.

It constitutes undeniable evidence of its scheme of trampling under-foot the entire Paris agreement, in utter contempt of world opinion, in defiance of all peace-loving people in the world and particularly of the other participants to the Paris International Conference on Vietnam.

The Government of the Republic of Vietnam earnestly appeals to the parties to the act of the International Conference on Vietnam to take strong and immediate measures in conformity with Article 7A of the act, with a view to coping with the dangerous situation now prevailing in South Vietnam.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Vietnam avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the parties to the act of the International Conference on Vietnam the assurances of its highest consideration.

RVN SPOKESMAN REACTS TO SCHLESINGER REMARK ON POSSIBLE ATTACKS

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[Text] Saigon (VP) April 1--The government spokesman this morning said that those who wanted to assess and to judge the Vietnam situation should not forget a key factor, that is the resistance and the fight for survival of a people.

Government spokesman Nguyen Quoc Cuong made the statement when asked about U.S. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger's pessimistic statement recently.

In his appearance on a U.S. television network in Washington Monday, Mr. Schlesinger conjectured that the communists might attack Saigon.

Spokesman Cuong said: "When a people fight for their own survival, no assessment of their resistance could be made."