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SPOKESMAN RELAYS GISCARD VIEWS ON VIETNAM SETTLEMENT

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(TEXT) GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANDRE ROSSI HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT FRANCE IS TAKING A CLEAR STAND ON VIETNAM. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT POLICY STATEMENT FROM THE HEAD OF STATE WITH REFERENCE TO THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM. IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS A GENUINE DIPLOMATIC STAND ON THIS CONFLICT. FRANCE HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY NEUTRAL FROM THE POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW UP TO NOW, BUT LISTEN TO ANDRE ROSSI AS HE REPORTED THE HEAD OF STATE'S WORDS WHEN HE CAME OUT OF THE ELYSEE: (RECORDING)

"THERE IS NO SOLUTION OTHER THAN THE URGENT APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 12 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS, WHICH ENVISAGE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A POLITICAL SOLUTION--AND I QUOTE THE TEXT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT--IN A SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION AND WITHOUT SEEKING TO ELIMINATE ONE ANOTHER.

"THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC CONTINUES: THIS SOLUTION INVOLVES THE GATHERING OF A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RECONCILIATION COMPOSING THREE EQUAL PARTIES. FOR THIS PROCESS TO TAKE PLACE, POLITICAL AUTHORITY SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN SAIGON EXCLUSIVELY BY PERSONS WHO MAKE THEIR DESIRE TO APPLY THIS KNOWN. REFUSAL TO IMPLEMENT THE NECESSARY CHANGES AND TO UNDERTAKE URGENTLY TO SEEK A POLITICAL SOLUTION--WHICH IS NOW THE ONLY POSSIBLE ONE--WHATEVER THE OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES WILL ONLY END IN MISFORTUNE FOR THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF OPPORTUNITIES WHICH REMAIN TO PRESERVE THE DIVERSITY OF THEIR BELIEFS AND CHARACTER.

"I DO NOT NEED, GENTLEMEN, TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS STATEMENT." (END RECORDING)

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