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SUBJECT: DRV NOTE IN REPLY TO U.S. APRIL 11 NOTE

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1. DRV EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY LUU DINH VE CALLED ON EMBOFF AT 1900 LOCAL TIME APRIL 16 TO DELIVER A NOTE DATED APRIL 16 FROM DRV MFA TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE. NOTE IS IN ANSWER TO U.S. APRIL 11 NOTE (REF A). BEGIN TEXT OF DRV'S ENGLISH TRANSLATION:

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAS THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE DATED APRIL 11, 1975. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE D.R.V.N. CATEGORICALLY REJECTS THE SLANDEROUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM MENTIONED IN THAT NOTE.

THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM HAS BEEN SIGNED ON THE BASIS OF AN U.S. COMMITMENT TO RESPECT THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF VIET NAM AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION, AND TO STOP ALL MILITARY INVOLVEMENT OR INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIET NAM. HOWEVER, OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND MORE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS ACTED AT COMPLETE VARIANCE WITH THESE COMMITMENTS, AND SERIOUSLY SABOTAGED THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS LEFT IN SOUTH VIET NAM AND BROUGHT IN ADDITIONALLY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN CIVILIAN GUISE, IT HAS Poured IN THOUSANDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AS MILITARY AID, AND MILLIONS OF TONS OF ARMS, AMMUNITION AND WAR MATERIAL AND HAS USED THE NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP AS A TOOL FOR CONTINUED WAR IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE U.S. NEO-COLONIALISM ON SOUTH VIET NAM, AND PERPETUATE THE PARTITION OF VIET NAM.

IN PURSUANCE OF THE U.S. POLICY, FOR OVER TWO YEARS NOW, THE WAR-LIKE AND FASCIST NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP HAS LAUNCHED REPEATED LAND-GRABBING OPERATIONS, BOMBED AND SHELLED THE AREAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM, STEPPED UP POLICE AND "PACIFICATION" OPERATIONS IN THE AREAS UNDER THEIR CONTROL, IMPOSED A HARSH REGIME OF TERROR AND COERCION ON THE PEOPLE, TRAMPLED UNDER FOOT ALL DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES, MAINTAINED IN DETENTION IN CRUEL CONDITIONS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, AT THE SAME TIME IT HAS SABOTAGED THE CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES.

IT IS CLEAR THAT THE DEEP ROOT AND IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET NAM LIE IN THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS STILL UNWILLING TO GIVE UP ITS MILITARY INVOLVEMENT AND INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIET NAM. IT IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP THAT HAVE CAUSED ALL DISASTERS IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

IN FACE OF THIS SITUATION, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE HAVE HAD TO TAKE PUNITIVE ACTIONS AGAINST THE U.S. AIDED AND DIRECTED NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP'S ACTS OF WAR AND SABOTAGE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, WITH A VIEW TO PRESERVING IT AND PROTECTING THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTY.

OF LATE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN EVEN GREATER IMPUDENCE. PRESIDENT G. FORD HAS REQUESTED THE U.S. CONGRESS TO APPROVE A GREAT MILITARY AID TO THE NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP, AND TO GIVE HIM THE RIGHT TO SEND U.S. MARINES FOR INTERVENTION IN SOUTH VIET NAM. THIS ACT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RUNS COUNTER TO THE DESIRE FOR PEACE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLES, AND IS AT VARIANCE WITH ITS COMMITMENT TO RESPECT THE

VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S FUNDAMENTAL NATIONAL RIGHTS AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

THE MAINTENANCE OF 25,000 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN CIVILIAN GUISE IN SOUTH VIET NAM IS UTTERLY ILLEGAL. THE BEST WAY FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR THESE AMERICANS IS TO WITHDRAW ALL OF THEM FROM SOUTH VIET NAM WITHOUT DELAY INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO USE THEM TO HELP THE NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP CARRY ON THE OBVIOUSLY LOST U.S. NEO-COLONIALIST WAR.

IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REALLY WANTS TO BRING THESE MEN HOME, IT CAN DO SO RIGHT NOW, THERE IS NO DIFFICULTY OR OBSTACLE. WITH REGARD TO THOSE VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE COLLABORATED WITH THE UNITED STATES, THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM HAS POINTED OUT IN ITS 7-POINT POLICY MADE PUBLIC ON MARCH 25, 1975, THAT IF THEY REALLY WANT TO RETURN TO AN HONEST LIFE, THEY WILL BE WELL TREATED IN A SPIRIT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD.

THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE RESOLVED TO REGAIN THEIR SACRED AND INVIOABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, AND TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL, INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC, NEUTRAL AND PROSPEROUS SOUTH VIET NAM LIVING IN NATIONAL CONCORD. THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO ACCEPT ALL SACRIFICES AND HARDSHIPS, AND ACHIEVE AT ALL COSTS THESE FUNDAMENTAL NATIONAL RIGHTS.

THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE HAVE NO INTEREST IN MAL-TREATING THEIR FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN WHO, AFTER GOING ASTRAY, SINCERELY REPENT THEIR PAST MISTAKES NOR HAVE THEY ANY INTENTION TO CHALLENGE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OR ANY OTHER NATION.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S EMOTIONAL CONTENTIONS AND SOPHISTICAL ALLEGATIONS AIMED AT DISTORTING THE TRUTH AND EVADING ITS RESPONSIBILITY CAN DECEIVE NOBODY. THE ACTUAL SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET NAM HAS SHOWN THAT NOTHING CAN SAVE THE NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP FROM COLLAPSING.

THE ONLY RIGHT WAY TO SETTLE THE SOUTH VIET NAM PROBLEM HAS BEEN CLEARLY STATED IN THE MARCH 21, 1975 OF THE P.R.G. OF THE R.S.V.N. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD THINK OVER THE LESSONS DRAWN FROM THE PAST U.S. FAILURES IN ORDER TO CHOOSE THIS HONOURABLE WAY, END THE WAR AND RESTORE PEACE IN SOUTH VIET NAM IN THE INTEREST OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. SO LONG AS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OBSCURATELY STICKS TO THE NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP TO PROLONG THE WAR AND SABOTAGE THE PARIS AGREEMENT, IT CAN ONLY INVITE UPON ITSELF STILL HEAVIER DEFEATS.

HIGH CONSIDERATION.

HANOI, APRIL 16, 1975." END TEXT