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HOLIDAY CEASEFIRE PERIODS ANNOUNCED

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A. PRGRSV Statement: "Humane policy" and  
"respect for traditions" leads to ceasefire.

[Liberation Radio, (clandestine) in Vietnamese  
to South Viet-Nam, 0500 GMT, 3 December 1971]

Following is a statement by the PRGRSV on suspending military  
attacks on the occasion of the 1971 Christmas, the 1972 New Year and  
the Nham Ty lunar New Year:

The sacred anti-U.S. national salvation resistance of our Southern  
armed forces and people has won more new, comprehensive and strategic  
victories, has seriously doomed the U.S. Vietnamization Policy and the  
Nixon Doctrine and has created a new situation very favorable for the  
fight of our armed forces and people. Although heavily defeated and  
strongly condemned by public opinion in the United States and the world,  
the Nixon Administration remains very stubborn, bellicose and crafty,  
has prolonged the aggressive war in South Viet-Nam and has refused to  
respond to the PRGRSV's sensible and reasonable Seven-Point Proposal  
aimed at restoring peace in Viet-Nam.

Due to this, on the occasion of the 1971 Christmas, the 1972 New  
Year and the coming lunar New Year, the U.S. and satellite troops will  
not be allowed to return to their country and families to enjoy happiness  
in these grand holidays. The puppet troops not only cannot have a  
reunion with their families and celebrate the New Year, but they have  
also been driven to Cambodia and Laos to serve as cannonfodder and  
to die uselessly for the U.S. aggressors and the dictatorial, rotten  
Nguyen Van Thieu puppet administration.

Basing itself on its unswerving humane policy and on the respect  
for the traditions and customs of our people and the majority of U.S.,  
puppet and satellite troops -- as in previous years -- the PRGRSV has  
decided to suspend military attacks against the U.S., puppet and satellite  
troops on the occasion of Christmas, the solar New Year and the lunar  
New Year as follows:

Three days on Christmas 1971, three days on the 1972 solar New  
Year and four days on the Nham Ty lunar New Year. The South  
Viet-Nam PLAF Command will determine the days and times and

concrete procedures concerning the suspension of military attacks on these occasions. All our compatriots, the PLAF and cadres in all branches and echelons must strictly implement this decision to suspend military attacks, while constantly heightening their vigilance and be ready to smash all of the enemy's provocative and sabotage acts to take advantage of the ceasefire days to strike at, pillage and harm our people. The people must be ready to crush all roundabout arguments of the enemy.

Implementing the venerated President Ho's sacred testament and strongly developing the victories scored, all our armed forces and people must heighten their determination to fight and win, to take advantage of victories to surge forward, to smash the Pacification Plan, to completely defeat the Vietnamization Policy of the Americans and their lackeys, to liberate the South, to protect the North and to advance toward peaceful national reunification.

The PRGRSV, 3 December 1971.

B. TIMES OF 3 HOLIDAY CEASEFIRES GIVEN BY PLAF

[Liberation Radio, (clandestine) in Vietnamese to South Viet-Nam, 0505 GMT, 3 December 1971]

(PLAF command's order on the suspension of military attacks on Christmas, New Year's day and the Nham Ty Tet).

In seriously implementing the PRGRSV's decision on the suspension of military attacks against the U.S., puppet and satellite troops on the occasion of Christmas, New Year's Day and Tet, the PLAF command orders:

1. All PLAF in various zones throughout South Viet-Nam including the main force and regional troops, militiamen and guerrillas to suspend all military attacks for three days on Christmas, from 0000 Indochina Time, that is 0100 Saigon Time on 24 December through 0000 Indochina Time, that is 0100 Saigon Time on 27 December 1971; for three days on the occasion of the New Year's Day, from 0000 Indochina Time, that is 0100 Saigon Time on 31 December through 0000 Indochina time, that is 0100 Saigon Time on 3 January 1972; and for four days on the occasion of the Nham Ty Tet, from 0000 Indochina Time, that is, 0100 Saigon Time on 14 February, that is, the 30th day of the 12th month of the Tan Hoi Lunar Year through 0000 Indochina Time, that is 0100 Saigon Time on

18 February 1972, that is, the fourth day of the first month of the Nham Ty Year.

2. During the ceasefire period, U.S. and satellite troops and officers and men, police agents and personnel of the Saigon puppet army and administration are allowed to move about, to attend religious services, to participate in entertainment or to come to the liberated areas to meet their relatives and friends, to visit their ancestors' graves and to spend the Tet Holidays with the people on conditions that they will not go in groups or carry weapons and spy equipment.

3. During the ceasefire all forms of military activities of the U.S., satellite and puppet troops such as mop-up operations to plunder and terrorize the people, the sending of aircraft and gunboats and the using of artillery to strafe, fly reconnaissance missions, or spray poison chemicals will be regarded as violations of the PRGRSV's order to cease all military attacks and will be subject to appropriate punishment.

4. Let the PLAF strictly observe this order to cease all military attacks and actively protect and help our compatriots organize religious services and enjoy the Tet holidays while heightening vigilance and standing combat ready in order, together with the people, to punish the U.S., puppet and satellite troops if they violate the cease-fire order and sabotage our compatriots' religious services and recreation on the above-mentioned holidays.

The South Viet-Nam PLAF Command 3 December 1971.