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TO: Comrades of Current Affairs Committees
of Tân Tru, Cần Giuộc, and Cần Đuộc District
Party Committees.

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We have received reports that your districts have committed mistakes while carrying out the Party's Military Proselyting policy as follows:

In Tân Tru District: According to Tâm ((8)) Chánh's report, Comrade Sáu, Party Committee member, and member of the Current Affairs Committee of District Party Committee, when motivating families of RVNAF troops in Nhứt Ninh Village to recall their relatives ((sons and brothers)) to join the Revolution, set forth the following six point ((policy)):

- 1) All the families of RVNAF troops must call back their relatives. If their relatives refuse to return, they must **disown them**.
- 2) Those families which do not call back their relatives will be put under surveillance and deprived of freedom of movement.
- 3) The cruel soldiers' families should be expelled from the local area.
- 4) If they ((poor soldiers or soldiers' dependents)) die, they are not permitted burial in Southern Viet Nam.
- 5) The formerly cruel soldiers who now return to our side will not be completely absolved of their crimes. They are allowed to live, but they have no civil rights.
- 6) Soldiers' families are forbidden to mourn their dead relatives, or else they will be put in jail.

It is suggested that the Current Affairs Committee of Tân Tru District Party Committee, and Comrade Sáu D seriously review all this to confirm the matter and report the reason for such a policy to the Sub-Region Current Affairs Committee. Was this policy initiated by the Current Affairs Committee of District Party Committee or by Comrade Sáu D himself and the District Military Proselyting Section?

If so, the Party's Military Proselyting policy was sabotaged by this policy. You should order withdrawal of this six-point policy and take action against the person who originated this erroneous policy. Report the case to the Current Affairs Committee of the Sub-Region Party Committee for decision.

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In Can Giuoc District: According to the report of the Sub-Region Military Proselyting Section, the enemy terrorized and arrested the relatives of families working for the Revolution in Long Thuong, Truong-Binh, and Phuoc Lam Villages. In retaliation, the District forced the families of RVNAF troops to ask release of the arrested men from the enemy. If they did not obey us, they would be tied to a tree. Furthermore, when the enemy seized one chicken or one pig from the families working for the Revolution, the RVNAF troops' families would be forced to pay for it. This frightened them ((RVNAF troops' families)) very much.

In Can Duoc District: In Tan Chanh Village, the ((VC)) policy of expelling bad RVNAF soldiers' families from the local area to live near the market made them very afraid.

The Current Affairs Committee of Can Duoc District Party Committee should review the matter.

The Military task is revolutionary motivation towards backward people. (The degree of motivation is different because the circumstance of enlistment ((into the RVNAF)) is different. For instance, one family has a number of relatives joining the Revolution while some others enlisted into the RVNAF).

The motivation of RVNAF troops' families is also a revolutionary motivation towards people having relatives enlisting into the enemy Army. Consequently, the enemy soldiers and their families must be basically indoctrinated in an awareness of the rights and interests of the class and the nation. And, on this basis, we shall guide them to work for the Revolution in accordance with the policy of the Party and the Front.

According to our clear-cut stand, the Puppet troops are considered our very enemy. We are determined to destroy the Puppet troops, because they are tools and the support of U.S. aggressors and country-selling Puppet Government. But, through the analysis of Puppet troops' characteristics, we recognize that the majority of them are dependents of workers and laborers. They enlist into the enemy Army, not because they have antirevolutionary ideology, but because of various complicated reasons and circumstances.

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Therefore, the Party advocates that besides annihilating them, we must also disrupt the body of puppet troops. To annihilate and disrupt the puppet troops are two specific requirements aimed at completely liquidating them (who have been used as tools and support for the aggressors).

To disrupt the puppet troops means to indoctrinate and motivate them to guide them in the struggle against the enemy, and coordinate with the people to gradually disrupt from a small group, a unit, to the whole body of troops. Then cause them to associate with the people to rise up and overthrow the enemy's government. As a result, the Party

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set forth a clearcut policy toward enemy soldiers and officers.

Concerning the families of RVNAF troops, which are mostly composed of poor farmers, the Party's policy towards them is the same as that towards the people. The policy is to indoctrinate, to instill in them a sense of class and national awareness, to guide them to take part in combat activities, and to make contributions to the Farmer's Association.

They must be additionally indoctrinated to be aware of the military proselyting policy. They must be organized to propagandize, and motivated to call upon their relatives to return to the Revolution. The families of RVNAF troops are not our enemies. (Naturally, we shall not discourage a number of these families which are working for the enemy).

The enemy strives to conduct conscription, to get into the people's good graces, to debauch them, and to give them forced indoctrination in conjunction with the use of cunning and cruel schemes to coerce and induce the families of RVNAF troops to oppose our proselyting in order to urge them to actively work for him so that he can destroy the Revolution.

We are ((now)) in the phases of General Offensive and Uprising. Our requirements are destruction and complete disruption of the puppet troops. At present, the revolutionary power is strongly developed. The Party's Military Proselyting policy is the best weapon for military proselyting in the three-front attack.

If closely coordinated with the armed struggle and the mission of creating a new and favorable situation to gain a decisive victory in the immediate future, the role of Military Proselyting becomes more important in the period of struggle when there is a political opportunity ((for SVN)).

If our policy is erroneous, our achievements will be limited and will be advantageous to the enemy.

Although being in a situation of defeat, deadlock, and despair, but with the obstinate nature, the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen will use many malicious plots to continue to realize the internecine war among the Vietnamese people. Because of the fierce and complicated nature of our battlefield, we shall meet a lot of difficulties if our policy is erroneous.

Consequently, in realizing the Party's policy, each echelon, each branch, each cadre must positively discuss this policy in order to fully understand it so as to correctly bring it into effect, develop all initiatives and plans and measures to obtain greater victories.

In case of requesting instructions from the higher echelons, before receiving the answers, nobody of the local agencies may advocate, at their discretion, any policy other than the Party's policy on matters of common concern.

Because if each local agency is free to act, it will make errors easily and this will be detrimental not only to its own area, but also to other areas.

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Upon receipt of this circular, all the addressees will carry it out, and report to the Sub-Region Current Affairs Committee on any bad effects or influences caused by these mistakes, and on the action taken to correct these mistakes.

This circular is also addressed to all Party Chapters to gain experience.

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Military Proselyting Sections of Districts, Cities;
Section members;
and Sub-Region attack units
to gain experience.

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