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Dear comrades !

For over 24 years, the SVN territory has not enjoyed a single peaceful day. Not once have we encroached on the American soil whose location is tens of thousands miles distant from our country. But, those wicked apes have come here of their own will and used bombs, ammunitions, bayonets, and chemical toxics to kill a great number of our compatriots. They first tried to help the French colonialists to return and rule our country. Then, taking advantage of the French failures, the US imperialists gradually set their feet on this land and finally ousted the French. In the past, 70% of the expenditures incurred by the Indochina war were furnished by the US imperialists. In only four years (1950 - 1954) the US imperialists expended 2,600 million dollars for the Indochina war. Until January 1954 they had forwarded to our country 360 aircraft, 1,400 tanks and armored vehicles, 390 warships, 16,000 army trucks, and 175,000 rifles and automatic rifles. After the Geneva agreement was signed the quantity of weapons heaped in all Indochina depots reached 1,900,000 tons.

Before the ink was dry on the Geneva agreements, the US had made every effort to undermine it. On 28 July 1954, US President EISENHOWER flagrantly said: "The US was not committed by the Geneva agreements." Next, the US set up the South East Asia Treaty Organization, and haughtily placed South VN, Laos, and Cambodia under their protection.

Between 1955 and 1960, weapons were illegally shipped to SVN 800 times by the US. Together with 79 delegations of high ranking generals and from 200 to 3,000 US military personnel, they activated such groups as MAAG, CATO, IRIM ((sic)) and provided 80% of the national defense budget of the Ngo Dinh Diem Government. The South of VN, under the US - DIEM regime was really "A Hell on Earth."

They denounced communism and exterminated the communists taking their revenge upon the former Resistance men and hundreds of thousands of patriots. They shot at unarmed demonstrators who demanded negotiation and general elections. They waged war against religious factions killing 7,000 people, wounding 14,000 others, destroying 20,000 houses, and imprisoning hundreds of thousands of innocent people. In addition, they established prosperity areas and land development centers to concentrate hundreds of thousands people and left uncultivated nearly one million hectares of farmland. They effected their deceitful agrarian reform to seize 750,000 hectares of farmland, which were temporarily distributed to the people during the French resistance. With their law of 10/59

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((promulgated in October 1959)) they killed people suspected as communists. They employed tens of divisions in their sweep operations, committing massacres in Chô-Đuốc, Ngăn Sơn, Hướng-Biên, Mỏ Cày, Duy-Xuyên, Vĩnh Trinh, Phú-Lối, etc ((sic)). Our people will never forget such inhuman acts of the enemy.

Since 1961, the US aggressors actually waged a special war against the South Vietnamese people.

It began with the malicious Staley-Taylor plan and the establishment of special military headquarters ((in February 1962)) placed under the command of General Harkins. The US Imperialists increased their personnel from 3,000 to 30,000 officers who directly commanded in combat, equipped the Puppet army with 700 armored vehicles, over 700 artillery pieces, 850 military aircraft of various types, and 800 speed-boats and warships. The ((RVN)) Puppet Government also increased its armed forces to 500,000 troops and built 169 airfields and 11 naval bases. These forces were approximately the same as the Navy, Army and Air Forces of the French Colonialists at the time of the Indochina war.

In only three years, the US Imperialists and their henchmen launched over 105,000 sweep operations of small and large scale. Especially in 1964, they performed 226,000 hours of night flights, fired 10 million rounds, spread chemical toxics over 200 times,

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killing hundreds of people and tens of thousands of cattle, contaminating over 20,000 people and devastating 300,000 hectares of ricefield, agricultural produce and fruit-trees. In addition, they massacred 160,000 people, wounded and harmed 700,000 others, detained over 400,000 people in thousands of prisons, established about 8,000 strategic hamlets, and herded about five million people into them for several years. Every year the US imperialists spend 650 million dollars to commit their ruthless deeds.

In May 1965, Johnson ordered the seizure of the entire Vietnamese territory and its neighboring coastal areas as US combat areas.

On 8 June 1965, he commanded all US forces in SVN to participate in military operations. On 28 July 1965, 200,000 US troops were dispatched to SVN. Since then the peoples all over the world have condemned the pressing escalation of the aggressive war conducted by the US imperialists. Presently the US and satellite troops number 534,000 men. They play a key strategic role beside the 500,000 Puppet troops. The US imperialists do not hesitate to resort to any cruel act and malicious trick to obstinately devastate our beloved fatherland. With their Triple-Ravage Policy "Burn All, Loot All, and Kill All", they have proved to be war butchers who drink human blood without feeling its fetidness. As time goes on, their atrocities pile up higher and higher. Regarding air activities, they have, in 1965, performed 99,000 air missions and dropped 250,000 tons of bombs of various kinds on SVN. In 1966, the quantity of bombs dropped on both North and South VN was even greater than that used in the three years of the Korean war. In March alone the US imperialists poured 50,000 tons of bombs over SVN (The Fascist Germans dropped only 37,000 tons of

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bombs over England throughout 1940). In April 1967, both North and South VN were subject to 77,000 tons of bombs (This quantity was nearly equal to the largest quantity of bombs poured monthly on all Asian, African and Western European countries during the Second World War). They used B.52 bombers hundreds of times to drop bombs and spread chemical toxics devastating 320,000 hectares in 1963, 500,000 hectares in 1964, and 700,000 hectares in 1965 (belonging to 26 provinces). Since 1966, these figures may be higher. With their limited war in SVN and their Four-Year War of destruction against NVN, we see everywhere in our country the bloody hands of the US aggressors and their servants.

According to incomplete reports, for the past 13 years (1954 - 1967), the US aggressors and their henchmen massacred 170,000 people; detained, tortured, and wounded one million people. They herded to concentration camps two million people, destroyed 1,000 hamlets, burned 300 villages, and devastated hundreds of thousands hectares of farmland and agricultural produce.

Even crocodiles shed tears when they eat human flesh ((sic)), but the US aggressors drink much human blood without feeling its fetidness. They are involved in thousands of slaughters cruelly killing our fathers, mothers and relatives.

Dear Comrades !

Return to Quê Sơn, Thăng Bình, Tiên Phước and Tam Kỳ, the areas of operation where the cadre and soldiers of our Regiment, together with the people, bravely fought against the enemy in the past few years and make them pay for their crimes.

Who of us can repress his feeling of hatred against the enemy when he passes by Sơn, Cam and Hà areas where devastation and mourning are caused by the bombs, ammunitions, and chemical toxics of the US imperialists.

Coming to Phước Sơn we will seethe with anger upon seeing the grave of 89 comrades with their epitaphs engraved with the cruel acts of the enemy at Hầm Heo (Gò Vang).

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In little over a year the Americans and their henchmen launched repeated sweep operations over Thăng Bình and Tam Kỳ Districts. They annihilated and burned out dozens of villages in Sơn Khánh, Sơn Thạch, Bình Định, Bình Tri, Sơn An and Thăng Phước etc...((sic)). There was not an inch of land which was not plowed up by US bombs and shells. Mourning clothes were seen in almost all hamlets and wards. Everyone was bearing deep hatred towards the US and their henchmen. They most barbarously killed hundreds of aged people, women, and children at a time, including pregnant women and newly born children. They raped hundreds of women, even those who were five or seven months pregnant and made them abort. They did not spare 60 or 70 year old women or ten year old girls. At Phú Bình, they killed 70 persons, and at Phước Sơn and Phước Tiên nearly 100 persons at a time. Particularly in the sweep

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operation launched by the enemy at Đồng Tiến Hamlet in November 1967, they killed more than 40 persons, burned 60 houses, over two thousand ang (6 kg measure unit) of unhusked rice and 500 ang of salt. Many families were completely massacred. The enemy had caused innumerable miseries and rendered the hamlets and villages poor and devastated. Fathers lost their children, wives lost their husbands, and the altars of ancestors were left without care.

Dear Comrades,

Recently, the Executive Committee of Tam Ky North District Party Headquarters sent a letter to the Regiment's cadre and soldiers on the commemoration day of dead heroes and wounded soldiers (the first of December). These comrades informed us that during 1968 the Americans and their henchmen used thousands of tons of bombs and ammunition, aircraft, and cannons to successively fire on our hamlets and villages in liberated areas. Their infantry launched sweep operations, and their armored vehicles leveled houses, graves and properties of the masses. They looted, massacred the people, and raped the women inhumanly. They made orphans of a multitude of children who now live in abandonment. More barbarously they, in turn, raped to death pregnant women who were going to deliver their infants and many girls who were only 12 or 13 years old. In May 1968, their aircraft landed on Cam Khe Market (Ky Our Village) and they led away 15 persons including children and women. They were tortured barbarously before they were thrown into Binh Hai Sea and six of them were killed. The others were rescued and fed by the people who lived in the vicinity. They have now returned to their native villages.

In the area north of Tam Ky, according to incomplete information, the enemy had, during the year, killed 658 persons, wounded 262, and arrested 322 others. He also herded 3,000 inhabitants of Ky Son and Ky Phuc etc.... ((sic)). He killed and looted thousands of buffaloes, oxen, and pigs, burned or carried away 25,000 ang of unhusked rice. He also set fire to 1,913 houses.

Our beloved Uncle Ho has said "God will not forgive the US for the crimes they committed and everyone is indignant and has resentment toward them." As they move closer to defeat, they become more insane and brutal. They did not withhold any wild act to oppress and massacre our people. Recently, when all cadre and soldiers in our regiment were actively preparing to enter the historic Winter-Spring Campaign, they received sad news.

The Americans and puppet troops had committed an awful crime in Thanh Binh Village: Between 7 to 17 Nov 68, they launched a sweep operation over the eastern area of Thanh Binh, and killed, at Binh Dao Village, a total of 190 persons and wounded 41 others. At Binh Duong Village they killed 45 persons and wounded 77 others. Among the victims, there were 35 aged persons and children who were beaten ruthlessly before being buried alive on the very spot.

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Dear comrades,

Fourteen years have gone by during which the US aggressive shoes have stamped the soil of South Vietnam. In these 14 years, the crimes of the US and their henchmen have increased and hatred has been engraved in the hearts of our people.

At present, the people in the world are still cursing and condemning the fascists of Hitler when reminded of their crimes. They are still talking of the dreadful slaughter which took place in Li-Di-Só ((sic)) Village in Czechoslovakia.

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However, in Vietnam now, the US crimes are a hundred times as atrocious as those of Hitler. Massacres in Vietnam were far more terrific than the slaughter of the former in Li-Di-So.

The US believed that, with their steel weapons and huge massacre of our people, they would prolong our agonizing days and diminish the will to struggle of our soldiers and people. But they were unaware that the deeper the hatred grew, the brighter the people's flame of anger became and the higher the revolutionary pride of our Army and people surged up like billows.

They had high determination to make the enemy pay for their crimes.

Where there is the enemy there is indignation. How can our cadre, soldiers, and people in Military Region 5 forget those scenes of mass assassination in Đức Market, in Ngã Sơn, Vĩnh Trinh, Bình Hòa, Bình Sơn, Sơn Mỹ, Điện An, Xuyên Phú, Phong Nhì and Phong Nhị. We deeply understand the people's misery and we also understand the enemy's characteristics. Therefore, we must completely annihilate him. He only acts reverse-ly to what he declares. He speaks of peace but provokes war. He pretends to be civilized, but he is savage.

Therefore, we should not believe him and wait for his humanity, nor should we have illusion or have confidence in his love of peace. All we have to do is to fight and annihilate him. Our present standpoint is the following:

Our present historic mission is very important. The enemy will be more wicked in his death through hours. He will sow more sufferings over our beloved country. The class struggle is evolving more fiercely than ever before.

How can we stay indifferent and idle and allow the enemy to cause more sufferings to our people ?

How can we stay unmoved when the aggressors and traitors continue to bury alive, and chop the heads, and burn to death our cherished comrades and compatriots?

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How can we only think of our own interests and shrink back looking at these wicked people who came from the other hemisphere of the world to rudely oppress our people, arrest poor mothers, fathers and innocent people in South Vietnam for pleasure?

As Cadre, Party members, Group members, and Revolutionary soldiers, we gain the confidence of the people and are given bayonets and weapons to lead the class struggle face-to-face with the enemy. We must annihilate him and erase the age-old hatred of the people with his blood. We are bound to move forward and gain victory. We are bound to embellish the flag of "Gallantry against the enemy" and hoist it on the highest point of the Vietnamese Revolution.

Compatriots throughout the country, the people in South Vietnam are waiting for you! Our brother and sister fellows in Thăng Bình area are waiting for you!

Let's bravely enter the Winter-Spring Campaign to claim our blood debt.

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