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((TEXT)) GENERAL CRAIGHTON ABRAMS, WHO SERVED AS U.S. STAFF CHIEF OF STAFF SINCE 1972, DIED OF LUNG CANCER ON 4 SEPTEMBER. ABRAMS PARTICIPATED IN THE U.S. AGGRESSOR FORCES IN KOREA. IN 1962, HE COMMANDED THE U.S. FORCES THAT REPRESSED THE UPRISEINGS STAGED BY AMERICAN NEGROES IN ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI. IN 1967 HE WAS APPOINTED BY JOHNSON AS DEPUTY TO GENERAL WESTMORELAND, COMMANDER OF THE U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. FOLLOWING THE GENERAL OFFENSIVE STAGED BY THE LIBERATION ARMY FORCES IN EARLY SPRING OF 1968, DEFEATED GENERAL WESTMORELAND WAS CALLED BACK TO THE UNITED STATES AND WAS REPLACED BY ABRAMS. FROM 1968 TO 1972, IN COMPLIANCE WITH NIXON'S ORDERS, ABRAMS FEVERISHLY IMPLEMENTED THE VIETNAMIZATION POLICY AND INTENSIFIED AND EXPANDED THE U.S. WAR OF AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM AND THE OTHER INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES. IN COMPLIANCE WITH NIXON'S ORDERS, HE DIRECTED THE AGGRESSIVE OPERATION CONDUCTED ON CAMBODIAN TERRITORY IN MAY 1970 AND COMMANDED THE AGGRESSIVE OPERATION CONDUCTED IN THE ROUTE 9-SOUTHERN LAOS AREA IN 1971.

NEVERTHELESS, UNDER THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION AND UNDER ABRAMS' DIRECT COMMAND, THE U.S. EXPEDITIONARY FORCES SUFFERED EVEN MORE BITTER AND HEAVY SETBACKS. 0930 GMI 09/MORCHER

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