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RESOLUTION OF THE FREE VIETNAM ALLIANCE

Re: the Hanoi conviction of Messrs. Hoang Minh Chinh and Do Trung Hieu.

Whereas:

- The imprisonment of Hoang Minh Chinh and Do Trung Hieu in June by the communist government of Vietnam is an act of political repression against dissident party members who have requested the Vietnam Communist Party review the unfounded "revisionism - opposition to the party" verdicts of 1967, of which Hoang Minh Chinh was a victim.

- The fact that the communist government of Vietnam hastily convicted Hoang Minh Chinh and Do Trung Hieu in a closed trial, even while the two have been in poor health, demonstrates Hanoi's flagrant disregard for human rights.

- The way in which Hanoi ignored requests to have the trials postponed, and its refusal to allow witnesses for Mr. Chinh during his trial, demonstrates that Hanoi is extremely concerned by growing opposition within the party rank-and-file.

Therefore, the Free Vietnam Alliance resolves:

1- To condemn the prison sentences handed down by the communist government of Vietnam--12 months for Hoang Minh Chinh and 15 month for Do Trung Hieu--for the crime of "misusing democratic freedoms to violate the interests of the state."

2- To call on Vietnamese compatriots, and organizations among the community, to begin a campaign pressuring the communist government of Vietnam to release Hoang Minh Chinh and Do Trung Hieu unconditionally, along with other political prisoners, and to respect human rights and allow a democratic-legal system.

3- To call on peoples and governments of the world to exert pressure on the communist government of Vietnam to cease its policies of repression and human rights violations, and to unconditionally release Hoang Minh Chinh and Do Trung Hieu.

Paris, November 8, 1995.

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