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[Interview with Hoang Tung, secretary of the VCP Central Committee: "Peace Is As Difficult as War," obtained in Vietnam by Marek Jurkowicz, special correspondent in Vietnam -- date not given]

[Text] I have entitled my interview with Comrade Hoang Tung, VCP Central Committee secretary, "Peace Is as Difficult as War" in the belief that there is not a shadow of exaggeration in this assertion. The independence of the country, won after 30 years of war, and the country's unification have posed social and economic problems for the VCP that are difficult to compare with the problems of the countries not only in that part of the world.

We now have three tasks to accomplish, Comrade Hoang Tung said: To defend our country, to feed our people and to construct the foundations of the socialist system. We are implementing these tasks under the conditions of a threat to our country. China is our direct threat, but the United States is behind China. Those external forces enjoy the support within Vietnam of the classes connected with the previous regime, which have been overthrown but not finally destroyed.

That threat comes from a people who are over 1 billion strong, to be sure. Over 100 million of them live in the three provinces of China that border our country. China expects that it would commit the forces of six provinces -- about 200 million people -- in case of war.

In our part of the world something we call a "small war" is being waged. It is being waged with all possible resources. Continuous tension is being generated along our border with China, and partisan activities are being encouraged in Kampuchea and Laos. Creating economic chaos and disrupting the market with the help of specific persons and smuggling activities continued in Indochina through the organized centers in Bangkok, Hong Kong and Singapore is a specific form of that "small" war, which is made easier by the economic blockade against us. Propaganda aggression reinforces those activities.

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