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PROMOTE DETERMINATION-TO-WIN TRADITIONS OF PEOPLE'S ARMED
FORCES TO DEFEAT U. S. AGGRESSORS

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On 22 December this year, our army will be 22 years of age. In its glorious history, under the leadership of the party and President Ho and nourished and cared for by the people, our army has really improved its noble quality of being "loyal to the party and devoted to the people," and has fought very bravely and won brilliant victories in order to win back and defend the independence, freedom, and socialism, of the fatherland. In this process of struggles and successes, our army has set up very beautiful traditions, which are crystallized in the determination-to-win spirit: "Fulfill all duties, overcome all difficulties, and defeat all enemies."

Associated with the revolutionary and class character of our armed forces, this determination-to-win tradition is the manifestation of the absolutely revolutionary spirit and the creatively revolutionary line of our party in all construction and combat fields of activity of our army and is the inheritance and promotion, on the basis of the Vietnamese working class position, of the indomitable tradition of our nation through thousands of years of fighting against foreign aggression. It is also the crystallization of deep class awareness and the ardent patriotism of our people and the amalgamation of the revolutionary fortitude and the greatly creative mind of all armed forces under the leadership of our party.

Equipped with the determination to fight and prevail, a kind of weapon which is more effective than any kind of weapon made of steel or iron, our people's armed forces together with the entire nation defeated the Japanese fascists, overwhelmed the French imperialists supported by the Americans, and are now defeating the U.S. imperialism in all forms of its war of aggression in both zones of our country.

Our people are fighting and defeating U.S. imperialism, the biggest aggressors and number one enemy of the people throughout the world. Our army and people have brought the determination-to-win tradition to a very high level. Our entire nation is an assembly of heroes who are sacrificing themselves for the country. Not only is heroism glowing in each individual, but it is also glowing in entire units. Examples of heroism are widespread in all armed branches and armed services, in all three categories of troops, regular troops, regional troops, and self-defense militiamen, in the fields of combat and combat support, on the front and in the rear area, and so forth. Never before have the legends and acts of heroism been so popular as they are now in our nations' anti-U.S. resistance for national salvation.

In promoting revolutionary heroism and the determination to fight and prevail, our armed forces have demonstrated their absolutely revolutionary spirit by resolving to fight and sacrifice for the fatherland's independence and freedom, have no fear of overcoming difficulties and making sacrifices, and fight for complete victory -- by being loyal to the party and devoted to the people, having a high sense of political responsibility, and devotedly endorsing every line of the party and every combat task of the army; and by having a high sense of organization and discipline, fulfilling every duty, strictly following all policies, executing all orders and instructions, assisting one another, uniting in combat, sharing hardship and dangers of death, and devoting one's mind to the revolution and the interest of the people. Thousands, tens of thousands of Nguyen Viet Xuan's have appeared everywhere, in all fields of activity, combat, and duty performance, and have further enhanced the golden pages of history of our armed forces' victories. On all battlefields of the anti-U.S. struggle, our army has lived up to the reputation of a heroic army of a brave nation.

Promoting to the maximum level the determination-to-win tradition, the Southern Liberation Armed Forces have demonstrated their revolutionary valor and resolved to fight against the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys in order to pay their debts to the nation and revenge their families. Our troops and people in the south are an assembly of indomitable and superbly valiant men toward whom even the enemy has to show his fear and admiration. The troops and people have continuously attacked the enemy from the big "general uprising" up to present and have successively scored greater and greater successes. The Southern Liberation Armed Forces make up an army which possesses both wisdom and valor and is always victorious and worthy of the indomitable tradition of the Vietnamese nation and the absolutely revolutionary spirit of the working class, as shown by the brilliant struggle examples of Nguyen Van Troi, Nguyen Van Be and thousands of other compatriots and comrades, and so forth. We are very proud of South Vietnam, the fatherland's rampart, which is standing firmly and majestically in a winning position. With these gloriously brilliant traditions, we are all the more confident that our army and people will surely defeat U.S. imperialism and its lackeys to liberate the south, defend the north, and move toward the reunification of the fatherland.

independence and democracy is the one of long and tedious armed struggle. In the anti-French resistance before, as well as in the anti-U.S. struggle for national salvation today, our army and people have overcome countless obstacles, borne all hardships, and make all sacrifices in order to win. History has taught us that no victory can be won without losses and sacrifices, without overcoming difficulties and hardships. The reality of revolutionary wars demands that we completely reject fanciful thoughts of winning a victory without pain and sacrifice. These fanciful thoughts influence the absolutely revolutionary spirit and the determination-to-win tradition of our army. If these thoughts are not suppressed, they will undermine our revolutionary determination and combat actions on the battlefield.

C) Possession of the fortitude to fight until final victory without relaxing vigilance or harboring any illusions about the enemy: Not only are our people determined to fight against any aggressor, but they also know the best way to defeat him and know how to employ diversified and versatile forms of struggle. Now political struggle is employed, then armed struggle or a combination of both forms. At times overt struggle is conducted; at other times clandestine struggle or a combination of both forms is employed to achieve the goal of the revolution and bring successes to the people. All these forms of struggle are deeply imbued with the ideas of revolutionary violence and are saturated with an understanding of the class outlook and class struggle, which dictates the winning and maintaining of the revolutionary government of Marxism-Leninism.

Firmly grasping the ideas of revolutionary violence as the inescapable rule for all revolutionary struggle to defeat any enemy of the class and the nation, our people's armed forces always hold fast to their guns and are determined to carry out their fundamental function, which is to fight and fulfill all duties assigned by the revolution until they completely liberate the nation and the class. In the history of revolutionary struggle, facts prove that only when the aggressors and oppressors are defeated completely can true independence and freedom and genuine peace hope to be attained.

At present, the U.S. imperialists are widening their war of aggression in both zones of our country. Our armed forces ought to promote to the maximum their determination to fight and prevail and their absolutely revolutionary spirit in order to defeat the U.S. aggressors. To uphold the absolutely revolutionary spirit of the armed forces in the present situation and scope of duties, we must be determined to move ahead to accomplish the goal of the revolution: independence, democracy, and socialism.

To uphold the absolutely revolutionary spirit, we must raise higher than ever the national banner on the foundation of the outlook of the working class, promote to the maximum the love for the country and socialism, and mobilize all of the army to fulfill the fatherland's call by making sacrifices and fighting until the end for independence, freedom, and socialism.

To uphold the absolutely revolutionary spirit, we must resolve to fight the Americans without considering the hardships and make sacrifices until complete victory is won. This is the course leading to genuine independence and freedom.

The U.S. imperialists are executing a two-faced policy, political and military, in their aggression of our country. On the military front, we must firmly, bravely, and cleverly devote our talents and wisdom to winning this war, while on the political front, we must be highly vigilant and steady in order to crush all of their perfidious plots and schemes. On the military front, without courage and wisdom, one cannot exterminate the enemy and protect one's own forces. On the political and ideological front, if one loses vigilance, one is likely to deny oneself a struggle weapon.

The true nature of the U.S. plot of "bona fide desire for peace or no desire for territory" is designed to conceal the fact that everywhere it is being isolated and that it is preparing public opinion for an intensification of the aggression against our country.

The U.S. aggressors are using their guns to kill our people and grab our country. We must use guns to exterminate the aggressors, protect our compatriots, and defend our land, villages, and fatherland. Without a correct revolutionary line and a strong revolutionary force, we cannot devise any method or strategy to vanquish the enemy and score success. Without a correct outlook and method of reasoning and without revolutionary zeal and capability, we cannot have a correct method of working in order to accomplish our duties. To show the determination to fight -- to fight on both fronts -- is our general attitude and responsibility and the duty of our people's armed forces before all brutal, wicked aggressive tricks of the U.S. aggressors. It is precisely by basing themselves on the thorough revolutionary spirit of the working class that our armed forces have been able to thoroughly and sharply realize the party line and to highly develop their traditional determination to fight and win and their traditional faithfulness to the party and devotion to the people in order to satisfactorily carry out all revolutionary tasks entrusted by the party.

2. Developing their traditional determination to fight and win, our armed forces must hoist on high the banner of "faithfulness to the party and devotion to the people" and must absolutely believe in all party lines and resolutely apply them.

Our armed forces' history, spanning over 20 years of maturity and victories, is also the history of the shaping and development of the strength of their limitless faithfulness to the party and people. "Faithfulness to the party and devotion to the people" are the most basic conditions for our armed forces to defeat every enemy and to fulfill their historic mission in all revolutionary phases, thus showing themselves ever more worthy of the name of the most reliable instrument of the revolution. After reviewing the

past thorny road of hard and desperate revolutionary struggle, we are proud that our armed forces have deserved the tradition of being "faithful to the party and devoted to the people." This "faithfulness to the party and devotion to the people" have become a matchless strength and the most outstanding tradition of our armed forces.

"Faithfulness to the party and devotion to the people" imply faithfulness to the revolutionary undertaking of the party and people and constant and absolute confidence in all party lines during the revolutionary struggle, in general, and the armed struggle, in particular. We clearly understand that party leadership is always a subjective factor deciding all revolutionary successes. The party line reflects the most sacred aspirations of the nation and class during each phase and also reflects accurately the objective theory on revolutionary struggle and is, therefore, constantly an ever-victorious banner leading the revolution in our country to continuous successes.

Guided by the party line for the national democratic revolution and by maintaining firm hold of the view of revolutionary violence and acting in the nick of time, our people successfully carried out the uprising during the August revolution and seized power throughout the country. Then, under the guidance of the party line for a protracted, self-sufficient, and inevitably victorious resistance from 1945 to 1954, our people throughout the country defeated the French colonialist aggressors.

Guided by the socialist revolutionary line of the party, which creatively applied the universal principles of socialist revolution and construction in the concrete conditions in our country, our people have scored considerable achievements in building socialism. Guided by the sound political and military lines of the party, our people are winning greater and greater successes in resisting the United States to save the country.

Under the circumstances of desperate struggle and whenever the revolution takes an important turn, it is necessary to train our cadres and put them to the test in order to make them believe more strongly and pointedly in the party line. Thus, absolute confidence in the party line has become very good tradition and a peerless strength of our armed forces.

Practical experience has demonstrated that the party needs mature and wise cadres and combatants when the struggle becomes difficult and desperate and when troubles and hardships arise. Under such circumstances, it will be difficult for cadres and combatants to fulfill their tasks and easy for them to commit errors in thought and deed if their confidence in the revolutionary line and forces is neither deep nor firm.

Gold should be tested by fire and strength by perils. Likewise, the spirit and will of revolutionary cadres and combatants should be tested by difficulties and tense situations. Only during desperate combat can one see whether the stand of each individual is firm or not and whether his

sense of political responsibility is high or low, and only under such circumstances may his stand become more firm and his confidence stronger.

During the history of our armed forces' struggle, many times we have successfully overcome unstable thoughts which substantially manifested themselves in the fact that whenever circumstances were favorable one was easily inclined to show unity of mind, to believe in the line, and to underestimate the enemy; that when difficulties arose, one was inclined to show indecision and perplexity, underestimate the revolutionary and mass forces, and overestimate the enemy forces; that after completing tasks, one turned subjective and arrogant, overestimated oneself and underestimated the masses; and that when one met with obstacles and failure, one lacked self-reliance, did not realize fully one's own responsibility, blamed the organizations and masses, and did not understand that success and failure in revolutionary tasks is a responsibility of everybody, and first of the leading and commanding cadres.

Such manifestations indicated an unstable revolutionary stand, an incomplete revolutionary spirit, perplexity, and rightist negative thoughts.

We absolutely believe and are extremely proud of the sound, creative line of the party and its skill, abilities, and intellect. Our party line is a byproduct of the association of the Marxist-Leninist universal truth with the actual situation of the Vietnamese revolution. Creativeness is a rule for every revolution; without creativeness, there can be no revolutionary success. With a thorough revolutionary spirit, our party has firmly held to the Marxist-Leninist theories and the actual situation in Vietnam, recapitulated the extremely rich struggle experiences of our working class people and learned well from the world revolution, thus being able to set forth sound revolutionary lines. The great and continuous successes of the Vietnamese revolution under our party leadership have demonstrated the soundness and creativeness of the political and military lines of our party.

While thoroughly realizing the party line and heightening his self-reliance during the revolutionary struggle, each cadre must develop initiative, creativeness, and self-sufficiency during the process of production and combat. Since the political and military lines are to be applied by the entire party, people, and armed forces, each cadre assigned to work in a specific area, branch, and locality must have an active spirit, take the initiative, and develop self-sufficiency in order to thoroughly apply the party line and transform it into strength for victorious combat in all fields of activity.

To be able to do so, we must grasp the theories, practice, and also the general line of the party and the actual situation in our respective branch of activity and locality. As leaders, if we fail to grasp the Marxist-Leninist theories and the general law on revolution, we will be inclined toward conservatism, short-sightedness, and empiricism. If we fail to grasp concrete facts, we will be bent on dogmatism and automatism. Both these erroneous tendencies hamper the thorough application of the party

line and its transformation into mass action aimed at defeating all enemies.

"To be faithful to the party and devoted to the people" means to hoist high President Ho's banner of solidarity and unity of mind. Solidarity and unity of mind are a tradition of our party and armed forces. Our armed forces draw their strength from collective action and from the mass intellect. That the strength of solidarity is a victorious one has been understandably and shrewdly put by President Ho in the slogan: "Unity, unity, great unity -- success, success, great success." It is precisely solidarity and unity of mind on the basis of the party line that is the key condition for achieving internal unity among the armed forces and unity between the armed forces and people in order to thwart all enemy plots to sow dissension.

During the former anti-French resistance and the present anti-U.S. resistance, the imperialists have used their traditional policy of trying to sow dissension to impose their rule -- that is, trying to create disunity between our party and armed forces, between our armed forces and people, between our cadres and combatants, and between our revolutionary friends and our people and party -- and trying to take advantage of any gap caused by a loss of unity to infiltrate our ranks and carry out sabotage against us. But our armed forces have always maintained constant and firm unity around the party central committee, unity within the armed forces, unity between the armed forces and the people, and unity with our friends everywhere.

Consolidating the ties of unity will result in further increasing strength to vanquish the enemy and to fulfill all tasks. Throughout history our armed forces have formed the habit of dealing with increasing difficulties and more and more desperate combat by tightening solidarity and unity of mind on the basis of the party line, revolutionary unity, and love for the people. This attitude has helped them overcome all difficulties and vanquish the enemy.

"To be faithful to the party and devoted to the people" means to resolutely oppose all counterrevolutionary activities of all enemies. From the past to the present, our armed forces have constantly displayed high political vigilance and permanent awareness and discernment during the struggle on the political and ideological front. The class struggle is being carried out under numerous complex forms and in a very intensive manner throughout the world and in our country. As in the past, all enemies of our nation and party are using violence in an attempt to crush our revolutionary forces and are resorting to all political tricks to weaken the morale and ideological stand of our armed forces and people.

At present, the U.S. imperialists and their hirelings are hoping they can undermine us by using psychological and intelligence warfare and all other cunning tricks. In view of this situation, our armed forces must display their traditional determination to struggle to the end and to resolutely crush all tricks and plots of the enemy.

As a revolutionary armed force of the party, we also have the duty to thoroughly apply the military line of the party and to actively prevent and thoroughly overcome all influences of erroneous military concepts during the process of building the armed forces and waging armed struggle. We must resolutely criticize all overestimations of the role of weapons and technique and underestimations of the role of politics and morale. At the same time, we must prevent all manifestations of dogmatism and empiricism that fail to fully exploit the effect of material and technical bases during construction and combat.

To thoroughly apply the party line, we must emphasize the sense of political responsibility and must oppose all manifestations of liberalism, the failure to struggle against errors and to positively support what is right, and, worse still, the tendency -- prompted by individual motives -- to echo erroneous allegations and acts, thus confusing right and wrong and impairing the truth. As cadres, we must take advantage of the training in the actual combat situation and task fulfillment to achieve a really firm political capacity and to use the party viewpoint to examine and solve problems correctly. It is necessary for us revolutionary cadres and combatants to clearly differentiate between strategic and tactical problems, between problems of principles and concrete problems, and between us and the enemy from the political and ideological viewpoint, and so forth, and at the same time to show sensitiveness and wide-awakeness so that a false external appearance of things, the enemy's deceitful tricks, and erroneous allegations will not arouse vague and shallow feelings among us which will make us light-minded and fickle-minded and will cause us to confuse right and wrong and to think and act inconsiderately -- something which is detrimental to revolutionary interests, unity, and progress and, worse still, may cause us to fall into the enemy trap.

The anti-U.S. national salvation policy of our party is very sound. It is certain that we will be victorious and that the U.S. imperialists will be defeated. This is an unchangeable truth and a necessary law of history. Our confidence in inevitable victory is built on a scientific and realistic basis -- which is the revolutionary political and military line of our party, the strength drawn from the unity of the entire armed forces and people from north to south, the invincibility of the people's war, and the great support of the socialist camp, the working class, the oppressed people, and progressive mankind. Our continuous victory and the continuous defeat of the U.S. aggressors on the battlefield have confirmed the complete soundness of our party line for inevitable success. Let each cadre and combatant develop the traditional "faithfulness to the party and devotion to the people," trust and unite around the party, and do his utmost to turn the party line into real victory on the anti-U.S. national salvation battlefield.

3. To develop the traditional determination to fight and win, we must exert outstanding efforts to turn our will and line into real acts of combat and construction.

The immense strength of the traditional determination to fight and win can turn into real success only if each cadre and combatant makes outstanding efforts in practical fighting and construction. Our armed forces traditionally have been able to endure hardships and overcome difficulties. No matter whether his working position is in an organ or a unit, in combat or construction, in political, military, or logistic circles -- everyone must do his utmost to create a collective strength for the entire armed forces and each unit during action and combat.

If an organ strives to satisfactorily serve a unit, it will reduce difficulties for the unit and increase the latter's strength and enable it to fulfill its tasks. By striving to solve its own problems, a unit will provide more opportunities for an organ to exercise guidance and leadership in order to promote the satisfactory carrying out of common tasks. In this connection, good examples have not been rare in both the former anti-French resistance and the present anti-U.S. fight.

Numerous units have frequently asked to be entrusted with additional tasks and even the most difficult ones, or they asked to be allowed to heighten construction and combat norms without requesting more conditions, more time, and so forth. Numerous cadres and combatants, under whatever difficult circumstances, have uttered no complaints, nor have they resigned themselves to stand by powerless and recoiling, but they have thought about all means and sought all measures to solve problems and to fulfill tasks.

In their capacity as leaders many comrades have paid the greatest attention to reducing difficulties for the masses and subordinates, constantly guided and improved them, and created all conditions for them to fulfill tasks. When acting as executives these comrades have tried to develop a sense of ownership, cleverness, and creativeness in order to fulfill tasks and have helped commanders and leaders find ways to reduce difficulties and to insure satisfactory execution of tasks. As a result, they have contributed to strengthening solidarity, unity of mind, and energy in units, thus enabling units to overcome all difficulties and hardships and to successfully carry out all tasks.

The principal responsibility, and simultaneously the sacred duty, of the armed forces is to fulfill political tasks entrusted by the party in each revolutionary phase. Therefore, each cadre, combatant, and unit must strive to resolutely carry out the combat mission of the entire armed forces within the scope of responsibility and action of each individual and unit.

During the past resistance our efforts tended toward defeating the French imperialist aggressors to achieve independence and democracy. Today our efforts are aimed at vanquishing the U.S. imperialist aggressors under all circumstances in order to safeguard the north, liberate the south, and unify the fatherland.

At present, our most ardent thoughts and feelings must be about what to do, and how, in order to defeat the U.S. aggressors. This subject must be a problem requiring constant thought, investigation, inventions, and acts of each revolutionary combatant. If he allows trifling and narrow considerations to overwhelm his individual interests, it will be impossible for him to overcome any difficulty, to come to the fore, and to wipe out all difficulties and fulfill all tasks.

To direct our efforts toward fulfilling the anti-U.S. national salvation task, we must thoroughly understand the party's political and military line, which is the beacon that illuminates all revolutionary activities and guides all of our thoughts and actions in the armed struggle. Reality has clearly shown that only when the party line deeply permeates each one of us and becomes our ideology, our will, our aspiration, can we acquire a lively revolutionary enthusiasm with which to think, act, and devise innumerable ways to overcome difficulties and the most effective methods of fighting the enemy. The strength arising from a subjective effort to overcome difficulties in all actions of the people's armed force always is the strength of the group and of large numbers of cadres and combatants. To develop this great strength, it is necessary to realize democracy, emphasize discipline, and strengthen unity. Our army inherently has a very fine tradition of democracy and discipline, of internal unity and unanimity of minds, and of army-people unity.

The democratic activities in our army have strengthened internal unity and generated the masses' minds to successfully fulfill all combat and construction tasks. Our army's practical experience has clearly shown that to develop democracy, emphasize discipline, and strengthen unity, it is necessary to thoroughly and deeply understand the revolutionary nature of the army and the party's principle of democratic centralization; to build in everyone the spirit of high revolutionary self-enlightenment and mutual love and assistance; and, at the same time, to overcome and prevent all manifestations of bureaucracy, militarism, and liberalism, which impairs the nature of the army and is detrimental to unanimity of thought and action. In our present anti-U.S. national salvation task, to develop democracy, emphasize discipline, and strengthen unity is a very important task in the performance of political work. It is aimed at developing the tradition of determination to fight and win, overcome all difficulties, and fulfill all tasks.

Cadres and combatants, at the superior as well as subordinate levels, the armed branches and services, the various components of the people's armed force, the battlefields, and so forth, must achieve unanimous unity on the basis of the revolutionary line and task, of mutual love among comrades, and of combat solidarity, in order to develop the collective strength of the army and to vanquish the U.S. aggressors.

To generate most strongly the troops' subjective efforts, it is necessary to know how to coordinate ideological work with organizational work;

that is, to know how to direct and converge all efforts on a unified objective, thus creating collective strength. Without adequate ideological leadership, the masses' revolutionary zeal cannot be aroused. Without adequate organizational leadership, the masses' energy can easily be wasted. Our strength can be restricted, incoherent, and scattered, and our work can be inefficient. It is necessary to know how to associate subjective expectations with actual objective conditions, to associate personal zeal with revolutionary knowledge, to associate thought with action, and to be morally disposed to overcome difficulties and to create conditions for the troops to make constant progress and fulfill their duties.

On the other hand, it is necessary to know how to improve the masses' capacity through the realities of work performance and combat, to seek all ways to raise the masses' level of knowledge, to help the masses develop their subjective efforts, and to coordinate the formulation of policies with the organization of the masses for action. This is the subjective activity and the great strength of our armed force.

In combat, to develop subjective efforts to a high degree means that we must overcome all difficulties, firmly grasp the enemy's situation, clearly understand our own situation, make thorough preparations, insure that any time we fight we win, and, conversely, render the enemy incapable of firmly grasping his own situation and of understanding our situation, so that we can annihilate many of the enemy and preserve and develop our forces.

We must develop our creative resourcefulness, fully use our strong points to restrict and eliminate the enemy's strong points, and use our strong points to deepen the enemy's weaknesses in order to achieve success. We must exert outstanding efforts, overcome all difficulties, and realize by all means the idea of continuously attacking the enemy and actively annihilating him absolutely without stopping or being satisfied with the success achieved.

In construction we must develop to a high degree the subjective effort to raise to the fullest extent our troops' combat capacity, to engage simultaneously in combat and construction, to engage simultaneously in combat and training, and through combat, to improve our troops so that they will grow up rapidly. The key task is to resolutely and positively improve our troops' quality further in conformity with the requirements of our present combat task and our capability and new conditions. The development of our troops' quality must be comprehensive -- to strengthen the party leadership; to raise the political, ideological, tactical, technical, organizational, and command levels of our cadres and troops; and to look after the troops' moral and material life. On the basis of strengthening the revolutionary nature of the people's armed forces, we must strive to improve the troops' combat capacity so that they will grow rapidly and comprehensively and will be able to annihilate many of the enemy and fulfill all tasks.

With a high quality, our troops will be able to fight effectively and defeat the enemy under all conditions and with all fighting methods. When such a capacity and level are attained, our troops will always be able to take the initiative in fighting the enemy and winning resounding victories in all circumstances and will be able to realize the motto: "The more we fight the stronger we become."

Our party line is correct. Our army has a "determined-to-fight-and-win" tradition which we are proud of. If each one of us clearly realizes his task and exerts a high subjective effort, we will surely fulfill all tasks and defeat all enemies.

President Ho's anti-U.S. national salvation appeal is resounding all over the mountains and rivers like a bugle call urging all our people and army from north to south to surge forward en masse to the frontline to kill the aggressors, wrestle back independence and freedom, and protect the fatherland.

Our people are winning great victories. The U.S. imperialists are meeting with serious defeats. Yet, they have not yet given up definitely. Like a fatally wounded ferocious animal, they are frantically running around and resorting to many cruel tricks against our people. Therefore, our army and people must still exert outstanding efforts to smash all of the U.S. imperialists' schemes, and, thereby, to achieve total success.

Holding high the patriotic banner on the basis of Marxism-Leninism, developing the tradition of determination to fight and win, and with an iron-like and stonelike resolution, a burning will, and a confidence in inevitable victory, our entire army is resolved to take the lead in carrying out the anti-U.S. national salvation undertaking, leveling all difficulties and obstacles without fear of sacrifices and hardships, and winning total victory for our fatherland. We pledge to develop all our efforts to fully respond to President Ho's appeal in order to be worthy of being the heroic army of a heroic people.

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