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SUBJ: (C) Comments on a Statement by President Nixon  
Concerning the Withdrawal of 25,000 US Troops  
from SVN.

(C) (4 pages, printed; B-3) VC newspaper, entitled "Quân Giải Phóng" ((Liberation Troops)), issue number 110, published by the Central Trung Bộ Region Headquarters on 11 Aug 69, contains articles of military and political interest.

Noteworthy is an editorial which provides a comment on the 8 Jun 69 statement by President Nixon after his meeting with Thiệu ((SVN President Nguyễn Văn Thiệu)) at the Midway Conference, concerning the withdrawal of 25,000 US troops from SVN. Document states that Nixon's statement presented no good will but only a cunning trick aimed at easing the tension caused by the antiwar movement in the US. The unilateral withdrawal of US troops from SVN was seen as a heavy defeat to the US. The ((VC)) people and army would continue to fight against the American aggressors until they completely withdraw from SVN. Nixon also stated that "US troops may be completely withdrawn from SVN during 1970 if we ((the VC/NVA)) approve a de-escalation of the war; if the Puppet ((RVNAF)) troops are strong enough; and if the Paris peace talks develop in a good manner." This was said to mean that the US will keep their forces in SVN permanently, because Puppet troops can never become strong; and the war will never end while US troops are still fighting in SVN. The editorial concluded by saying that American aggressors are to be driven out of SVN, and national sovereignty, independence, the right of self-determination, and reunification of the country are to be achieved as decided by the SVN Revolution.

Also contained in the document is an article dealing with an emulators' congress which was held by the Rear Service Staff Department ((of Military Region 5)) on an unstated date. At the congress, various achievements of "Đoàn 1 Hành Lang" ((possibly Corridor Transportation Group 1)) were discussed. Document claims that some personnel of Đội ((Units)), 3 and 7 subordinate to Đoàn 1 Hành Lang had been able to carry a load of 120 kilograms of goods easily on their shoulders during past transportation trips.

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