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COMMUNIQUE OF VNPA HIGH COMMAND ON VICTORY OVER U. S. WAR
OF DESTRUCTION .

HANOI VNA NOVEMBER 5.- THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE VIET
NAM PEOPLE'S ARMY TODAY ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON THE GREAT ,
ALL- ROUND VICTORY OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN FOUR YEARS
OF FIGHTING AGAINST THE U. S. WAR OF DESTRUCTION (AUGUST 5,
1964- NOVEMBER 1ST , 1968).

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID :

FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS, ALONG WITH INTENSIFYING
THEIR WAR OF AGGRESSION IN SOUTH VIET NAM , THE UUSS IMPERIAL-
ISTS RECKLESSLY AND FRANTICALLY WAGED A WAR OF DESTRUCTION
AGAINST NORTH VIET NAM IN AN EFFORT TO GET OUT OF THEIR
LOSING SITUATION IN THE SOUTH .

IN EXECUTION OF THIS STRATEGIC PLAN , THE UUSS
IMPERIALISTS USED ENORMOUS AIR AND NAVAL FORCES AND ALL
MODERN EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES AT THEIR DISPOSAL AND
RESORTED TO THE MOST BARBAROUS METHODS IN THEIR ATTACKS ON
THE WHOLE TERRITORY OF NORTH VIET NAM BY DAY AND BY NIGHT .

THEY DEPLOYED ON THE VIET NAM BATTLEFIELD A BIG
AIR FORCE WITH THOUSANDS OF MODERN PLANES. IN ATTACKING
NORTH VIET NAM , THEY PUT INTO ACTION MORE THAN 40 (FOUR
ZERO) TYPES OF AIRCRAFT , FROM THE F. 105 AND F. 4 TO THE
LATEST MODELS IN THEIR ARSENAL AS THE SWING - WING F. 111A AND
STRATEGIC B.52 BOMBERS. FROM APRIL 1968 ONWARD, UUSS PLANES
FLEW A MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 10,000 (TEN THOUSAND) SORTIES
AGAINST NGHE AN , HA TINH AND QUANG BINH PROVINCES AND VINH
LINH AREA .

THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS MOBILIZED THE WHOLE OF THEIR
SEVENTH FLEET , THE BIGGEST ARMADA OF THE UUSS NAVY REIN-
FORCED WITH MANY WARSHIPS OF OTHER NAVAL UNITS. ALMOST ALL
THEIR AIRCRAFT-CARRIERS WERE PUT TO USE IN THIS WAR ON A
ROTARY BASIS .

FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM OF THE FATHERLAND
AND FOR SOCIALISM , OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE VALIANTLY
STOOD UP MILLIONS AS ONE MAN TO CARRY OUT A LARGE-SCALE ,
MARVEL

OUS PEOPLE'S WAR . THEY FOUGHT WITH VALOUR , RESOURCE -
FULNESS AND INGENUITY, OVERCAME ALL DIFFICULTIES, FOILED
EVERY STEP OF WAR ESCALATION AND EVERY SCHEME OF THE ENEMY,
AND DEFEATED THE WAR OF DESTRUCTION OF THE UUSS IMPERIALIST
AGGRESSORS .

IN ATTACKING THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM , THE
UUSS IMPERIALISTS COMMITTED EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND BRUTAL WAR
CRIMES :

- THEY BRAZENLY TRAMPLED UPON EVERY INTERNATIONAL
LAW, AND ENCRONCHED UPON A SOCIALIST COUNTRY, AN INDEPENDENT

AND SOVEREIGN COUNTRY .

-THEY RESORTED TO CYNICAL AND BARBAROUS MEANS AND WEAPONS OF ALL KINDS INCLUDING STEEL PELLET , NAPALM AND PHOSPHOROUS BOMBS AND TOXIC CHEMICALS TO MASSACRE OUR COMPATRIOTS, MAKING INDISCRIMINATE RAIDS IN NUMEROUS SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS , CHURCHES, TEMPLES, PAGODAS, DYKES, DAMS, ETC ...

COMMUNIQUE (TWO ETC .

THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS Poured ON NORTH VIET NAM NEARLY ONE MILLION (ONE MILLION) TONS OF BOMBS AND SHELLS, MORE THAN THE AMOUNT EXPENDED IN THE THREE YEARS OF WAR IN KOREA AND MANY TIMES HIGHER THAN THAT USED IN JAPAN DURING WORLD WAR TWO .

THE CRIMES PERPETRATED BY THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE OUTDID IN BARBARITY EVEN THOSE COMMITTED BY THE HITLERITE FASCISTS. NEVER CAN OUR PEOPLE AND THE PROGRESSIVE HUMANITY FORGET THESE SAVAGE CRIMES. THEY WILL BE FOR EVER CONDEMNED BY HISTORY .

HOWEVER, THE MORE CRUEL THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS, THE MORE BITTERLY THEY ARE HATED BY OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE IN BOTH ZONES OF THE COUNTRY, AND THE STRONGER THE LATTER'S SOLIDARITY AND UNITY OF MIND, AND THE FIRMER THEIR RESOLVE TO DEFEAT THE UUSS .

BY CARRYING OUT A WAR OF DESTRUCTION AGAINST NORTH VIET NAM , THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS HOPED THEY COULD INTIMIDATE OUR PEOPLE AND SHAKE THEIR DETERMINATION TO RESIST UUSS AGGRESSION , THEY HOPED TO DESTROY THE SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION IN THE NORTH , PREVENT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FROM ACTIVELY ASSISTING THEIR KITH AND KIN IN THE SOUTH , AND BOOST UP THE SINKING MORALE OF THE PUPPET ARMY AND ADMINISTRATION .

REALITIES, HOWEVER , THWARTED THE DARK DESIGNS OF THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS. ANY BASIC STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE OF THE UUSS WAR SHATTERED. THE MORE THE UUSS ATTACKED NORTH VIET NAM , THE CLOSER THE BLOOD- SEALED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE IN THE TWO PARTS OF VIET NAM . THE ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE IN ALL OF VIET NAM LIVED UP TO THEIR PLEDGE THAT " WHEN NORTH VIET NAM CALLED, THE SOUTH REPLIES. WHEN THE SOUTH APPEALS, THE NORTH RESPONDS. FOR EACH BLOW DEALT BY THE UUSS AGGRESSORS AT NORTH VIET NAM , THE SOUTH VIET NAM ARMED FORCES WILL DEAL FIVE OR TEN RETURN BLOWS AT THEM IN THE SOUTH ."

THE RESULT WAS THAT THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS BITTERLY FAILED IN BOTH THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH .

IN SOUTH VIET NAM , THOUGH THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS HAD ESCALATED THE LOCAL WAR OF AGGRESSION TO A HIGH LEVEL, BEEFED UP THE TOTAL UUSS , PUPPET AND SATELLITE TROOPS TRENGTH TO 1,200,000 (ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND), OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE MAINTAINED AND CONTINUED TO DEVELOP THEIR POSITION OF OFFENSIVE , REPEATEDLY FOILED THE ENEMY'S STRATEGIC COUNTER-OFFENSIVES AND DROVE THEM INTO A DEFENSIVE AND PASSIVE POSTURE .

SINCE EARLY THIS SPRING , WITH THE IMPETUS OF NEAR VICTORIES, OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE HAVE LAUNCHED GENERAL OFFENSIVES AND SIMULTANEOUS UPRISINGS AND HAVE RECORDED THE BIGGEST - EVER AND ALL-ROUND VICTORIES .

COMMUNIQUE (THREE) ... VICTORIES.

IN ONLY 8 (EIGHT) MONTHS , OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE ATTACKED SERIES OF CITIES AND TOWNS, BIG OR SMALL, INCLUDING SAIGON , HUE AND DA NANG , LIBERATED MANY VAST POPULATED RURAL AREAS, KILLED, WOUNDED OR CAPTURED MORE THAN HALF

MILLION (HALF A MILLION) ENEMY TROOPS AMONG THEM NEARLY 780,000 (ONEEIGHTZEROTHOUSAND) U.S.S. AND SATELLITE TROOPS, SHOT DOWN OR DESTROYED ON THE GROUND OVER 5,000 (FIVE THOUSAND) AIRCRAFT , AND WRECKED OVER 10,000 (TENTHOUND) MILITARY VEHICLES INCLUDING OVER 6,000 (SIXTHOUSAND) TANKS AND ARMoured CARS .

THIS HISTORIC VICTORY HAS OPENED UP A NEW WAR SITUATION , VERY FAVOURABLE TO US AND UTTERLY UNFAVOURABLE TO THE ENEMY .

OUR POSITION HAS BECOME STEADIER AND STEADIER AND OUR STRENGTH GREATER AND GREATER .

THE STRATEGIC POSTURE OF THE ENEMY HAS BEEN UPSET . THE ENEMY HAVE SUNK DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO A DEFENSIVE AND PASSIVE POSITION AND ARE BESIEGED AND ATTACKED ON ALL BATTLEFIELDS. THEIR FORCES HAVE SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES AND THEIR MORALE HAS BEEN SINKING DAY AFTER DAY. THE U.S.S. IMPERIALISTS' FAILURE ALREADY EVIDENT .

IN NORTH VIET NAM OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE RECORDED TREMENDOUS VICTORIES. UP TO NOVEMBER 1ST , 1968, 3,243 (THREE TWOFOURTHREE) U.S.S. AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN, THOUSANDS OF AIR PIRATES HAD BEEN KILLED OR WOUNDED, OTHERS HAD BEEN CAPTURED. OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE HAD ON 143 (ONEFOURTHREE) OCCASIONS SUNK OR DAMAGED ENEMY WARSHIPS OR COMMANDO-BOATS .

IN THE THICK OF WAR , THE NORTH , FIGHTING WHILE BUILDING ITSELF , HAS GROWN UP CONSTANTLY. OUR SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION HAS CONTINUED AND DEVELOPED UNCEASINGLY. OUR ECONOMIC POTENTIAL HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED .

OUR NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCES HAVE DEVELOPED CONSIDERABLY .

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT CONTINUE UNINTERRUPTED , LINKING THE REAR BASE TO THE FRONT .

PUBLIC SECURITY AND ORDER HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED . OUR PEOPLE'S LIFE REMAINS STABLE .

THE NORTH HAS BECOME SO STRONG AS TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND ITSELF SUCCESSFULLY AND FULFIL ITS HISTORIC MISSION AS THE REVOLUTIONARY BASE OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY AND AS THE GREAT REAR BASE OF THE GREAT FRONT -HEROIC SOUTH VIET NAM .

COMMUNIQUE (FOUR) SOUTH VIET NAM.

THE VICTORY OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE IN DEFEATING THE WAR OF DESTRUCTION OF THE U.S.S. IMPERIALISTS BEARS A VERY GREAT AND IMPORTANT STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE .

FIRST , BY DEFEATING THE U.S.S. WAR OF DESTRUCTION , WE HAVE SMASHED A STRATEGIC SCHEME OF THE ENEMY, DEFEATED PART OF THEIR WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST OUR COUNTRY AND DEALT A TELLING BLOW AT THEIR AGGRESSION DESIGN. THIS IS A COMMON VICTORY OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND A VICTORY OF THE MILITANT SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH , WITH THE TRADITION AND STRENGTH OF SOLIDARITY OF THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE NATION, WE HAVE DEFEATED THE WAR OF DESTRUCTION OF THE U.S.S. IMPERIALISTS, WE HAVE WON AND ARE WINNING BIG VICTORIES IN THE SOUTH , AND CERTAINLY WILL INFLICT COMPLETE DEFEAT ON THE U.S.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS .

SECOND, BY DEFEATING THE WAR OF DESTRUCTION , WE HAVE FOILED A NEW FORM OF WAR IN THE U.S.S. IMPERIALISTS' WAR OF AGGRESSION . FIRMLY GRASPING AND SUCCESSFULLY CARRYING OUT THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY LINE OF OUR PARTY, WE HAVE BROUGHT INTO FULL PLAY THE COMBINED STRENGTH AND GREAT EFFECTIVENESS OF PEOPLE'S WAR , AND DEFEATED AN IMPORTANT AIR AND NAVAL FORCE OF THE U.S.S. IMPERIALISTS, THE MOST BRUTAL OF ALL IMPERIALISTS.

WHILE ON THE SOUTH VIET NAM BATTLEFIELD MORE THAN 1,200,000 (ONETWOHUNDRED THOUSAND) UUSS PUPPET AND SATELLITE TROOPS ARE SUSTAINING HEAVY SETBACKS, IN NORTH VIET NAM THE SO-CALLED " SUPERIORITY OF THE UUSS AIR FORCE " HAS BEEN BLASTED . THIS SHOWS THE INVINCIBLE STRENGTH OF PEOPLE'S WAR AND THE BANKRUPTCY OF THE OUTDATED MILITARY SCIENCE OF IMPERIALISM . IT ALSO SHOWS THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE CAPABLE OF DEFEATING ANY KINK OF AGGRESSIVE WAR OF ANY IMPERIALIST THAT DARES LAY HAND UPON OUR COUNTRY .

THIRD, THE REPEATED AND GREAT VICTORIES OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE IN BOTH PARTS OF THE COUNTRY HAVE GIVEN ADDED CONFIDENCE TO OUR PEOPLE AND ENHANCED THEIR DETERMINATION TO FIGHT TILL FINAL VICTORY. THESE VICTORIES HAVE REJOICED OUR BROTHERS AND FRIENDS ON ALL THE FIVE CONTINENTS AND STRUCK FEAR AMONG THE ENEMY . THE REPEATED AND HEAVY SET -- BACKS OF THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS IN VIET NAM HAVE SEROUSLY AFFECTED THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND HER PRESTIGE IN THE WORLD .

COMMUNIQUE (FIVE)... WORLD .

THE ABOVE VICTORIES STEM FROM :

- THE VERY CORRECT AND CREATIVE POLITICAL AND MILITARY LINE AND CONDUCT OF THE WAR OF OUR PARTY HEADED BY PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH .
- THE EXCELLENT AND STEADY SOCIALIST REGIME,
- THE UNSHAKEABLE DETERMINATION TO FIGHT AND TO WIN AND THE CLOSE UNITY OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE AND
- THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND WHOLEHEARTED ASSISTANCE GIVEN US BY THE BROTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND OUR FRIENDS ON EVERY CONTINENT .

THE COMMUNIQUE COMMENDED THE FIGHTERS OF ALL BRANCHES AND SERVICES OF THE VIET NAM PEOPLE'S ARMY, AND ALL THE OTHER STRATA OF PEOPLE IN NORTH VIET NAM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S FIGHT AGAINST UUSS AGGRESSION , FOR NATIONAL SALVATION .

THE COMMUNIQUE CONTINUED :

" THE VIET NAM PEOPLE'S ARMY HIGH COMMAND SINCERELY THANKS THE BROTHERLY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS, VALUABLE ASSISTANCE , AND THE PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD INCLUDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE , FOR THEIR GREAT SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT TO OUR PEOPLE'S FIGHT AGAINST UUSS AGGRESSION , FOR NATIONAL SALVATION . "

THE COMMUNIQUE POINTED OUT THAT THOUGH SUSTAINING HEAVY DEFEATS ALL OVER VIET NAM , THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS STILL ARE RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP THEIR AGGRESSIVE DESIGN AGAINST VIET NAM . THE COMMUNIQUE REITERATED THE DETERMINATION OF THE VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE TO ACT UPON PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH 'S APPEAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 1968 WHICH SAYS NOTABLY : " IT IS THE SACRED DUTY OF OUR ENTIRE PEOPLE NOW TO INCREASE OUR DETERMINATION TO FIGHT AND TO WIN , AND OUR RESOLVE TO LIBERATE THE SOUTH , DEFEND THE NORTH , AND PROCEED TOWARD THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND .

AS LONG AS THERE IS A SINGLE AGGRESSOR IN OUR COUNTRY, WE MUST FIGHT ON TO SWEEP HIM AWAY " ./. .

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