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APPEAL TO COMPATRIOTS IN SAIGON-CHOLON AREA

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[Text] On 5 December, the Saigon-Cholon-Gia Dinh NFLSV committee addressed the following appeal to the Saigon-Cholon-Gia Dinh compatriots:

"Saigon-Cholon-Gia Dinh compatriots: On 1 November the United States had to declare an unconditional halt of the bombing and shelling of the entire territory of the northern part of our country. The United States also had to [agree] to talk with the NFLSV representative at the Paris conference in order to seek a political solution to the South Vietnam problem.

"Therefore the United States had to resign itself to being defeated by us in an extremely painful rounds and to admit another extremely heavy setback. This serious setback has staggered the United States and driven the Saigon puppet administration into the position of 'hitting a stone with an egg.'

"It is obvious that the aggressive U.S. spirit has been violently shaken in the face of the firm fighting will and the powerful, untiring offensive impetus of our armed forces and people. Both the Americans and the puppets are facing insoluble, great military, political, economic, and social difficulties. The saying "Since a snail cannot move by itself, how can it move with a seaweed on him' can be judiciously applied to the present situation of the U.S. snail and the puppet seaweed.

"Compatriots of all strata, we are facing a unique opportunity, created by the firm and strong will and fighting power of our armed forces and people, to which the compatriots have made worthy contributions. We neither waver nor hesitate. We are determined to grasp the opportunity, rush into this violent battle, and gain advantages every day, every hour. This is the responsibility, honor, and a source of pride for every one of us. Only with such a combat and offensive spirit can we uproot and pulverize the aggressive U.S. spirit and materialize our long-cherished dream of seizing the administration for the people.

"As an immediate goal, all strata of compatriots must tighten their ranks and launch a series of political offensive spearheads with the demands: End the war, restore peace, establish a peace cabinet, negotiate with the NFLSV, exercise freedom and democratic rights, and guarantee the people's lives, property, and living conditions.

"At the same time, the compatriots must exert efforts to fulfill the troop, puppet personnel, and (?enemy) proselyting task, step up the people's guerrilla warfare movement, intensively annihilate hooligans and smash bondage, tremendously develop the revolutionary political and military forces, and create the best conditions for advancing toward scoring very great achievements.

"Compatriots: The Americans and their lackeys have been heavily defeated, but they remain very stubborn. They are carrying out wicked and cruel tricks in an effort to limit the great achievements of our revolution. We are determined to smash this scheme of the aggressors. We are in a winning position. We are determined to pin the aggressors down and to win complete victory.

"Saigon-Cholon-Gia Dinh NFLSV committee; 5 December 1968"