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Nam Ha, [REDACTED] June 30, 1967. Grandmother is very old and weak now. You would not recognize her because she is so thin. I am still all right. I still work at the company, but I have been evacuated to another place. My brother works at a textile factory and has been evacuated with his factory to Lang Son Province, far away on the China border. He is only an apprentice, so he gets only 27 dong a month. It is only enough for him and he cannot send anything back to support grandmother. I make only 37 dong a month when there is much work, but then there is little work I get only 34 dong. That is my net pay, but when I am ill the company has to pay for my medical care, and when I have children I will get a family allowance. If they are ever sick the government has to take care of them too. We work for the government so we belong to the government and we are under government administration. We have sold all that we have to buy medicine for grandmother because she gets ill very often. Now we have only our salary to depend on, which is very sad. Moreover, the war is spreading all over the country and no one can feel secure in his life. Who knows whether or not I will die in the next minute. The American bombs and bullets make no distinction between persons, they threaten everybody.

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Hanoi, June 29, 1967. Our health situation is not very good, even though we are not really ill. My daughter is rather small and thin and she does not have a good appetite. My wife is also getting thinner and sometimes has to use medicine. Due to the difficult war situation, nourishing food is lacking and medicines are rare. Our only solution is to try and bear it.

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Ha Bac, June 15, 1967. At present our family is meeting many material difficulties. Because our salary is just sufficient for ourselves, we really cannot afford to help father and mother. I try very hard to save money to help our parents, but it is still very scarce. As to the war situation, it is very hard. Living conditions are very poor because we have to reserve everything for the front. Our food is now composed of 70 percent rice and 30 percent wheat flour, and you know the nutritional value of wheat flour is very low. Living is very difficult.

Huong Phuong, May 30, 1967. These days mother is not as strong as before. Because we have been evacuated medicine is rather rare, and on the other hand, because of the war, food is not sufficient. Since we are engaged in a war, want is the common situation of everybody.

Viet Bac [REDACTED] - Hanoi), May 20, 1967.  
An evacuated student. In general our activities and studies are getting more burdensome. Not only do we have to concentrate on our studies, but we also have to work to promote production. Specifically, we have to plant vegetables, raise pigs and poultry, etc. to support ourselves with food in this hard time. In the botany class we plant mushrooms for the whole faculty. According to science, one kilogram of mushrooms is more nourishing than one kilogram of fresh beef. This is why this is a very important task. In addition, we have to "make artificial meat." In a word, we try to make everything ourselves.

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