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CHOU EN-LAI CONDEMNS U.S. BOMBING OF HANOI, HAIPHONG

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(TEXT) PEKING, APRIL 16, 1972 (HS INHUA)--PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND VICE-FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG THIS EVENING MET WITH TRAN BINH, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN PEKING.

TRAN BINH PRESENTED TO PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI A COPY OF THE APPEAL ISSUED ON APRIL 15 BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION AND THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM.. HE STRONGLY CONDEMNED U.S. IMPERIALISM FOR ITS NEW WAR ATROCITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND EXPRESSED THE IRON WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND ARMY IN THE SOUTH TO THOROUGHLY DEFEAT THE U.S. AGGRESSORS, BRING ABOUT AN INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC, PEACEFUL, NEUTRAL AND PROSPEROUS SOUTH VIETNAM AND PROCEED TO THE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE HOMELAND.

PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI SAID THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FIRMLY SUPPORT THE SOLEMN AND JUST STAND OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION AND THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM AS EXPRESSED IN THE APPEAL. HE WARMLY CONGRATULATED THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND ARMY ON THE BRILLIANT VICTORIES THEY HAVE WON ON VARIOUS BATTLEFIELDS.

PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI POINTED OUT: U.S. IMPERIALISM HAS EMPLOYED AN UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT OF NAVAL AND AIR FORCES TO LAUNCH LARGE-SCALE ATTACKS ON SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.. IT EVEN BOMBED HANOI AND HAIPHONG TODAY IN DEFIANCE OF THE OPPOSITION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THIS SHOWS IT HAS EMBARKED AGAIN ON THE OLD TRACK OF WAR ESCALATION. HOWEVER, IT WILL NEVER SUCCEED BY THIS MEANS IN ITS ATTEMPT TO EXTRICATE ITSELF FROM THE DEFEAT IN ITS WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST VIETNAM AND TO PREVENT ITS POLICY OF "VIETNAMIZATION OF THE WAR" FROM GOING BANKRUPT. WAR ESCALATION FAILED IN THE PAST AND WILL CONTINUE TO FAIL.

THE PREMIER STATED: THE NEW MILITARY ADVENTURE BY U.S. IMPERIALISM AGAINST THE SOUTH AND NORTH OF VIETNAM CAN FRIGHTEN NO ONE, BUT WILL ONLY FURTHER REVEAL ITS WEAKNESS AND SAVAGE NATURE, MAKE THE ENTIRE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE UNITE EVER MORE CLOSELY IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMY. AS THE APPEAL WELL PUTS IT, THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR HENCHMEN CANNOT CHANGE THIS TRUTH: VIETNAM IS ONE COUNTRY, THE VIETNAMESE ARE ONE NATION. THE PEOPLE IN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH, MILLIONS AS ONE, ARE DETERMINED TO FIGHT AND DEFEAT THE COMMON ENEMY.

PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI STRESSED: THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA WILL NEVER STOP THEIR WAR AGAINST U.S. AGGRESSION AND FOR NATIONAL SALVATION, NOR WILL THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE CEASE TO SUPPORT THEM, AS LONG AS U.S. IMPERIALISM CLINGS TO ITS AGGRESSION AGAINST VIETNAM AND INDOCHINA. VICTORY CERTAINLY BELONGS TO THE HEROIC VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND OTHER INDOCHINESE PEOPLE.

PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI POINTED OUT: IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REALLY WANTS TO SOLVE THE VIETNAM QUESTION, IT MUST STOP ESCALATING THE WAR AND PUSHING THE "VIETNAMIZATION" POLICY, AND RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS AND SERIOUSLY CONSIDER AND ACTIVELY RESPOND TO THE SEVEN-POINT PEACE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD BY THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE ELABORATION ON THE TWO KEY PROBLEMS IN THE PROPOSAL.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE HUYNH ANH, FIRST SECRETARY, VO PHAT LOC, THIRD SECRETARY, AND NGUYEN THE HAU, ATTACHE, OF THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN PEKING.

ALSO PRESENT WERE LU WEI-CHAO, LEADING MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED, AND STAFF MEMBERS CHANG TE-WEI AND HU CHIEN-WEN.

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