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XXX BY MID-OCTOBER, 1972.

(TEXT) THE ABOVE INITIATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BROUGHT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE VIETNAM PROBLEM, WHICH HAD DRAGGED ON FOR FOUR YEARS NOW, ONTO THE PATH TO A SETTLEMENT. THE AMERICAN SIDE ITSELF ADMITTED THAT THE DRAFT "AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM" PUT FORWARD BY THE DRV SIDE WAS INDEED AN IMPORTANT AND VERY FUNDAMENTAL DOCUMENT WHICH OPENED UP THE WAY TO AN EARLY SETTLEMENT.

AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS, ON OCTOBER 17, 1972, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES REACHED AGREEMENT ON ALMOST ALL PROBLEMS ON THE BASIS OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, EXCEPT FOR ONLY TWO UNAGREED ISSUES. WITH ITS GOODWILL, THE DRV SIDE DID ITS UTMOST TO REMOVE THE LAST OBSTACLES IN ACCEPTING THE AMERICAN SIDE'S PROPOSALS ON THE TWO REMAINING QUESTIONS IN THE AGREEMENT. IN HIS OCTOBER 10, 1972, MESSAGE TO THE PREMIER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATED THE GOODWILL OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND CONFIRMED THAT THE FORMULATION OF THE AGREEMENT COULD BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE. BUT, IN THE SAME MESSAGE, HE RAISED A NUMBER OF COMPLEX POINTS. DESIROUS OF RAPIDLY ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CLEARLY EXPLAINED ITS VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. IN HIS OCTOBER 22, 1972, MESSAGE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE EXPLANATIONS GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THUS BY OCTOBER 22, 1972, THE FORMULATION OF THE AGREEMENT WAS COMPLETE.

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THE MAIN ISSUES OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON  
MAY BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

1) THE UNITED STATES RESPECTS THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY,  
UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF VIETNAM (7AS) RECOGNIZED  
BY THE 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENTS.

2) TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT,  
A CEASE-FIRE SHALL BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM. THE  
UNITED STATES WILL STOP ALL ITS MILITARY ACTIVITIES, AND END THE  
BOMBING AND MINING IN NORTH VIETNAM. WITHIN 60 DAYS, THERE WILL  
BE A TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH VIETNAM OF TROOPS AND MILITARY  
PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES AND THOSE OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRIES  
ALLIED WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WITH THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.  
THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL NOT ACCEPT THE INTRODUCTION  
OF TROOPS, MILITARY ADVISERS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMAMENTS,  
MUNITIONS, AND WAR MATERIAL INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. THE TWO SOUTH  
VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE PERIODICAL REPLACEMENTS  
OF ARMAMENTS, MUNITIONS, AND WAR MATERIAL THAT HAVE BEEN WORN  
OUT OR DAMAGED AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE, ON THE BASIS OF PIECE FOR  
PIECE OF SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS AND PROPERTIES. THE UNITED  
STATES WILL NOT CONTINUE ITS MILITARY INVOLVEMENT OR INTERVENE  
(?IN THE) INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

3) THE RETURN OF ALL CAPTURED AND DETAINED PERSONNEL OF THE  
PARTIES SHALL BE CARRIED OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE U.S. TROOPS'  
WITHDRAWAL.

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