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1. REF A REPORTED REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S APRIL 12 STATE-OF-THE-
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SOUTH VIETNAM'S SO-CALLED "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT" AND THE DRV HAVE NOW ISSUED OFFICIAL STATEMENTS. PREDICTABLY, BOTH PARAPHRASED COMMENTATOR'S APRIL 12 ASSESSMENT.

2. THE DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT, DATED APRIL 13 TO ALLOW THE "PRG" STATEMENT TO GO FIRST, MADE ONLY PASSING REFERENCE TO THE MILITARY AND HUMANITARIAN AID REQUESTS BUT SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN DENOUNCING ALLEGED PREPARATIONS TO HAVE U.S. MARINES INTERFERE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE STATEMENT ASSERTS: "THE U.S.'S MAINTENANCE OF ITS 25,000 MILITARY PERSONNEL IN CIVILIAN GUSE IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS COMPLETELY ILLEGAL. THE BEST WAY TO INSURE SAFETY FOR THESE AMERICANS IS FOR THE FORD ADMINISTRATION TO IMMEDIATELY AND COMPLETELY WITHDRAW THESE MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM SOUTH VIETNAM...IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REALLY WANTS TO WITHDRAW THEM, THIS CAN BE DONE IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY OR OBSTACLE.

"AS FOR THOSE VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE COOPERATED WITH THE UNITED STATES, IF THEY REALLY WISH TO EARN AN HONEST LIVING THEY WILL BE WELL TREATED IN SPIRIT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD, AS POINTED OUT IN THE 25 MARCH 1975 SEVEN-POINT POLICY OF THE PRG (REGARDING TREATMENT OF TAINTED VIETNAMESE WHO DECIDE TO REPENT AND COOPERATE WITH COMMUNISTS).

"...THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE HAVE NO DESIRE TO MISTREAT THEIR STRAYED COMPATRIOTS WHO SINCERELY REPENT, NOR DO THEY THE STATEMENT CONCLUDES BY REASSERTING THAT THE SOLE CORRECT PATH TO SETTING THE SOUTH VIETNAM ISSUE WAS CLEARLY STATE IN THE MARCH 1975 PRG STATEMENT.

3. THE "PRG" SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT WAS DATED APRIL 12 BUT BROADCAST ONLY SOME SIX HOURS BEFORE ITS DRV COUNTERPART ON APRIL 13 (REF C). THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT "PRESIDENT FORD'S CLAMOR FOR INCREASING EMERGENCY AID TO THIEU CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET LEARNED A LESSON FROM DEFEAT, BUT RATHER IS DELIBERATELY.../CONTINUING TO BRAZENLY VIOLATE THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLES 1, 4 AND 5. IF AMERICANS, THE

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IF THE U.S. REALLY WANTS TO PROTECT THEIR LIVES, IT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY AND COMPLETELY WITHDRAW THEM FROM SOUTH VIETNAM. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE PRG PREVIOUSLY INSURED SAFETY FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THOUSANDS OF U.S. EXPEDITIONARY UNCLASSIFIED

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TROOPS FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MORE THAN 25,000 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL DISGUISED AS CIVILIANS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM WILL CERTAINLY NOT ENCOUNTER ANY DIFFICULTIES OR OBSTACLES.

"HOWEVER, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE PRG ARE DETERMINED NOT TO ALLOW THE UNITED STATES TO RESORT TO THE "EVACUATION" TRICK TO SEND U.S. WARSHIPS AND MARINES TO INTERVENE IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

"WITH REGARD TO THE VIETNAMESE COLLABORATING WITH AMERICANS, INCLUDING OFFICERS, MEN, POLICEMEN AND CIVIL SERVANTS OF THE THIEU ADMINISTRATION, THE PRG...HAS PROCLAIMED THE SEVEN-POINT POLICY OF 25 MARCH 1975 AND THE TEN-POINT POLICY OF 1 APRIL 1975....

"THE PEOPLE IN THE NEWLY LIBERATED AREAS ARE HAPPILY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ORGANIZING A NEW LIFE. THIS SITUATION COMPLETELY REFUTES THE MYTH ABOUT A "BLOODBATH."

HIS STATEMENT ALSO ENDS WITH THE USUAL CALL THAT THE U.S. STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND RESPOND TO THE TWO DEMANDS UNEQUIVOCALLY SET FORTH IN THE 21 MARCH 1975 PRG STATEMENT" (I.E., AN END TO U.S. "INTERFERENCE AND INVOLVEMENT" AND THE OVERTHROW OF THE "THIEU CLIQUE"). MARTIN