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The 700 million Chinese people provide a powerful backing for the Vietnamese people; the vast expanse of China's territory is their reliable rear area. In the face of the solid militant unity of our two peoples, all military adventures and political deceptions by U.S. imperialism are doomed to fail.

-----Mao Tse-tung

~~PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION TO PRESIDENT NGUYEN HUU THO~~

Peking, February 2(Hsinhua)--- Premier Chou En-lai today sent a message to Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, extending the warmest congratulations to the heroic South Vietnam people's Liberation Armed Forces and South Vietnamese people for winning exceedingly brilliant victories recently by launching surprise attacks on the enemy with the force of an avalanche.

The message reads in full as follows:

President Nguyen Huu Tho,

Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation,

Recently, the South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces together with the broad masses of the people, have won exceedingly brilliant victories by launching surprise attacks with the force of an avalanche simultaneously on more than fifty cities and towns in the enemy-occupied areas, including such big cities provincial capitals and military strongholds as Saigon, Da Nang and Hue. These glad tidings fill the entire Chinese people with great joy. On behalf of the Chinese people and Government, I extend the warmest congratulations to you and to the heroic

South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces and South Vietnamese people.

These victories of yours indicate that the South Vietnamese people's war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation has reached a new and higher level of development. They have once more proved the infinite might of a people's war.

The days of the U.S. aggressors in Vietnam are numbered and this being so, they will no doubt put up an even more frenzied last-ditch fight. The mounting rampancy of the enemy, however, will all the better steel the staunch will of the Vietnamese people in daring to fight and to win victory. As our great leader Chairman Mao says "Perseverance means victory". We are deeply convinced that the heroic Vietnamese people will redouble their efforts, surmount all difficulties, press on valiantly, inflict thorough defeat on the U.S. aggressors and win final victory.

The 700 million Chinese people armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought vow to provide a powerful backing for you!

Chou En-lai
Premier of the State Council
of The People's Republic of
China.
February 2, 1968.

PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND VICE PREMIER CHEN YI RECEIVE VIETNAMESE
AMBASSADOR

Peking, February 3 (Hsinhua)--- Premier Chou En-lai and Vice-Premier Chen Yi received and had an extremely cordial talk here today with Ngo Minh Loan, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

Ambassador Ngo Minh Loan described to the Chinese Premier and Vice-Premier the new, great victories won by the Vietnamese people in the war against U.S. imperialism and for national salvation. He conveyed the Vietnamese people's firm confidence in winning final victory and their determination to win victory.

On behalf of our great leader Chairman Mao, Vice-Chairman Lin Biao, Chairman Mao's close comrade-in-arms, the Party Central Committee, the State Council, the Military Commission of the

Party Central Committee and the Cultural Revolution Group under the Party Central Committee, Premier Chou En-lai warmly congratulated the Vietnamese people on their great victories won under the leadership of the Vietnam Workers' Party and by the concerted efforts of the whole nation and of the rear and the front.

Premier Chou En-lai reaffirmed that, armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought, the 700 million Chinese people who had been tempered in the great proletarian cultural revolution vowed to provide powerful backing for the Vietnamese people and support their struggle to the end.

Present on the occasion were Han Nien-lung, Vice-Foreign Minister, Tsao Ke-chiang, Deputy Director of the Second Asian Affairs Department of the Foreign Ministry, and Tai Ping, Deputy Director of the Protocol Department of the Foreign Ministry.

PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND VICE-PREMIER CHEN YI RECEIVE
NGUYEN MINH PHUONG OF SOUTH VIETNAM

Peking, February 3 (Hsinhua)--- Premier Chou En-lai and Vice-Premier Chen Yi received and had an extremely cordial talk today with Nguyen Minh Phuong, acting leader of the Permanent Mission of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation to China.

In the talk, Nguyen Minh Phuong gave Premier Chou En-lai and Vice-Premier Chen Yi an account of the brilliant victories won by the Armed Forces and people in South Vietnam in their recent extended offensive against the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys.

On behalf of our great leader Chairman Mao and his close Comrade-in-arms Vice-Chairman Lin Biao and on behalf of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, the State Council, the Military Commission of the Party Central Committee and the Cultural Revolution Group under the Party Central Committee, Premier Chou En-lai extended the warmest congratulations to the Armed Forces and people of South Vietnam on their recent great victories won under the leadership of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation.

Premier Chou En-lai declared: "The powerful assaults the people of South Vietnam recently launched against the enemy, which are characterised by coordination between the armed forces and civilians, between city and countryside, and from within and outside, have developed the Vietnamese people's war to a high level. From the depth of their hearts the Chinese people admire the firm will, high sense of organisation and discipline and dauntless spirit of fearing no sacrifice in facing any ordeal that the Vietnamese people display in fighting, and are determined to take them as an example to learn from".

Premier Chou En-lai pointed out that final victory for the Vietnamese people in the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation was coming ever nearer. But before the final victory, there was still a hazardous course to travel because the enemy would inevitably put up a dying struggle. "In his message of congratulation to President Nguyen Huu Tho, our great leader Chairman Mao said: 'Perseverance means victory'. We are confident that by persevering in protracted war the Vietnamese people will surely defeat the U.S. aggressors and their running dogs, and win final victory".

Present on the occasion were Han Nien-lung, Vice-Foreign Minister, Tsao Ke-chiang, Deputy Director of the Second Department of Asian Affairs of the Foreign Ministry, and Tai Pin, Deputy director of the Protocol Department of the Foreign Ministry.