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:: The unbridled violence of all the forces of ::
:: darkness, whether domestic or foreign, has brought ::
:: disaster to our nation; but this very violence in- ::
:: dicates that while the forces of darkness still ::
:: have some strength left, they are already in their ::
:: death throes, and that the people are gradually ::
:: approaching victory. ::
:: --Mao Tse-tung ::
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Chinese Government condemns new U.S. crimes in South Vietnam

Peking, March first (Hsinhua) -- the Government of the People's Republic of China issued a statement today strongly condemning the monstrous crimes recently committed by U.S. imperialism and its South Vietnamese lackeys in their brutal massacre of the urban and rural inhabitants in South Vietnam. The statement reiterates the stand of the Chinese Government and the 700 million Chinese people to give all-out support and aid to the fraternal Vietnamese people in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation.

The statement reads in full as follows:

Statement of the Government of the People's
Republic of China
March 1, 1968

Badly battered by the powerful new spring offensives of the heroic South Vietnamese people, U.S. imperialism and its lackeys have recently resorted to cold-blooded massacre of the people, and especially the urban population, of Southern Vietnam. They used airplanes and artillery for wanton bombing and shelling of Saigon, Hue, Da Nang and other cities and even used poison gas, napalm bombs and phosphorous shells to slaughter vast numbers of urban and rural inhabitants. The Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam issued statements on February 15 and 25 respectively, strongly condemning the fascist atrocities of the U.S.-puppet clique and reiterating the firm resolve of the 31 million heroic Vietnamese people to fight U.S. imperialism and its lackeys to the end at any cost. The Chinese Government and the 700 million Chinese people firmly support this just stand of the fraternal Vietnamese people and indignantly denounce U.S. imperialism and its South Vietnamese lackeys for their monstrous crimes. . . .

Since new spring this year, the army and people of Southern Vietnam, launching powerful overwhelming offensives everywhere on the South Vietnamese battlefield and giving full play to the infinite might of people's war, have dealt the heaviest blows to U.S. imperialism and its lackeys and won world-shaking brilliant victories. This great triumph of the South Vietnamese people has filled all the revolutionary people of the world with elation while imperialism, modern revisionism and all reaction have been disheartened and thrown into a panic. U.S. aggressors, who until recently have shown arrogance and feigned composure, are now wrapped in the fear of their approaching doom.

However, as pointed out by our great leader Chairman Mao, "all reactionary forces on the verge of extinction invariably conduct desperate struggles. They are bound to resort to military adventure and political deception in all their forms in order to save themselves from extinction." Faced with complete defeat, the U.S. aggressors have not given up their criminal plan of aggression against Vietnam. On the one hand, they are making an intensified effort to collect cannon fodder, calling up reservists, continuing to send more aggressor troops to Southern Vietnam and stepping up their bombing of Northern Vietnam; on the other hand, they are contriving various peace talks plots in collaboration with the Soviet revisionist leading clique. The recent barbarous massacre and persecution of South Vietnamese urban inhabitants by the U.S.-puppet clique is precisely a manifestation of the last-ditch struggle put up by U.S. imperialism.

Beset with unprecedented difficulties, the U.S. imperialists are in dire straits in Southern Vietnam. The cities and towns which they used to regard as the safest have now become battlefields where they are under direct attacks; the former stronghold on which they relied for carrying out aggression against the Vietnamese people have now become their own graves. While revealing the ferocious nature of imperialism, the wanton bombing of the urban population in Southern Vietnam by U.S. imperialism also shows that the day of its complete defeat in Vietnam is not far off.

At present, an excellent situation prevails in Vietnam's war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. Final victory for the Vietnamese people is already in sight. President Ho Chi Minh, the great leader of the Vietnamese people has rightly said: "the nearer the victory, the greater the hardships. The enemy, like a cornered beast, will react more madly. Therefore, our armed forces and people should further

strengthen their solidarity, fight perseveringly, harder and without let-up, so as to win still greater victories." In response to the militant call of President Ho Chi Minh, the 31 million Vietnamese people, confident of their sure victory, fearing no hardships and sacrifices and surmounting every difficulty, are now fighting even more valiantly to win complete victory in the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. With boundless admiration, the Chinese people give all-out support and aid to the fraternal Vietnamese people. All the revolutionary people of the world stand on the side of the Vietnamese people. We are firmly convinced that however desperately U.S. imperialism may struggle, it can in no way obstruct the victorious advance of the Vietnamese people and that final victory will definitely belong to the heroic Vietnamese people.