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LETTER DATED 11 JULY 1966 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to the letter dated 30 June 1966 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, which was circulated as a Security Council document, the Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian SSR to the United Nations, acting on the instructions of the Government of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, considers it necessary to make the following statement.

The entire world is a witness to the fact that the Government of the United States of America has embarked on a course of further expanding the shameful war against the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and against the Viet-Nameese people as a whole. United States aircraft have carried out barbaric bombing attacks on the Hanoi and Haiphong areas. At the same time, seeking to justify this new expansion of its aggression in Viet-Nam, the United States has resorted to a familiar concealing manoeuvre by sending to the President of the Security Council a letter, dated 30 June 1966, in which it attempts to use the United Nations as a shield for the United States aggressors. In this letter the United States cynically represents the situation as though it is prompted in its bombing attacks almost by "concern for civilian life". However, this manoeuvre can deceive no one.

The fact that the United States Government is intensifying the publicity campaign about its desire for a "peaceful settlement" at the very moment when it is taking new steps to expand United States aggression in Viet-Nam utterly exposes its real objectives. But no devices of United States diplomacy can conceal the true state of affairs: that the United States, flagrantly violating the Geneva Agreements on Indo-China, is more and more expanding the criminal war in Viet-Nam.

The Ukrainian SSR resolutely condemns the aggressive actions of the United States in Viet-Nam and its attempts to use the United Nations as a cover for these

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actions. As the Soviet Government stressed in its statement of 1 July 1966 concerning the further expansion of United States aggression in Viet-Nam, the way to peace in Viet-Nam lies through the cessation of United States aggression and intervention in the internal affairs of the Viet-Nameese people. United States armed forces must be withdrawn from Viet-Nam.

The Permanent Mission of the Ukrainian SSR to the United Nations returns herewith the letter from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America dated 30 June 1966 as designed merely to justify and provide a cloak for the expansion of United States aggression in Viet-Nam.

I should be obliged if you would arrange to have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

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of the Ukrainian SSR
to the United Nations
