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OF VIET NAM TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL

I have the honour to forward herewith the statement made on 24 April 1980 by the spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, condemning United States provocation in the Vietnamese zone of economic privileges, and kindly request Your Excellency to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Permanent Representative of the
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Annex

Statement of 24 April 1980 by the spokesman for the Foreign
Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam condemning
United States provocation in the Vietnamese zone of economic
privileges

"Two jet planes and one helicopter of the United States navy on 22 April provoked and intimidated a foreign ship which was helping Viet Nam in scientific research in Viet Nam's zone of economic privileges at co-ordinates $70^{\circ}15'$ and $108^{\circ}22'$.

"This is a brazen provocative act of the United States which violates Viet Nam's sovereign rights over Viet Nam's zone of economic privileges and infringes on international law on free navigation.

"This premeditated act carried out in co-ordination with China's recent military activities in the Eastern Sea area proves more clearly that the United States is playing the China card against Viet Nam, thus causing tension in this region.

"The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam condemns this provocative and intimidating act of the United States and resolutely demands that it stop similar acts against Viet Nam."
