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Letter dated 25 June 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to  
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the statement, dated 24 June 1982, by the Viet Nam News Agency on the so-called "attack on United States destroyers" and kindly request Your Excellency to have this note and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 59 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Viet Nam News Agency statement on the so-called "attack  
on United States destroyers"

A United States State Department spokesman yesterday alleged that a group of United States destroyers had been attacked by Vietnamese fishing boats south of Viet Nam's Con Son Island during the night of 20 June.

This was only a fabrication. The kind of weapons with which Vietnamese fishing boats are equipped are intended for self-defence only and cannot be used to attack United States destroyers. Moreover, the Vietnamese Navy was not operating in the area at that time.

The Viet Nam News Agency is authorized to reject this groundless charge by the United States.

Hanoi, 24 June 1982

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