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OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY  
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The Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council of the United Nations and with reference to the letter dated 30 June 1966 of the Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations wishes to state the following:

The Government of the United States, by the repeated bombing of Hanoi, the port of Haiphong and of other most populated areas, has embarked on a new and more dangerous course of its policy of "escalation" of its aggressive war in Viet-Nam, which marks a serious threat to peace and security in South-East Asia and to the cause of universal peace and security.

In an attempt to justify and cover this new expansion of its aggression in Viet-Nam, the United States of America resorted to its familiar practice by sending to the President of the Security Council the above-mentioned letter declaring cynically that it will continue its search for peace in Viet-Nam. The letter is only a part of constantly repeated and continuing attempts to use the United Nations as a cover for the United States aggression in Viet-Nam.

Nobody can be deceived by such a kind of declaration about "peaceful intentions", as they are accompanied not only by the continuation, but also by the extension of the shameful war waged by the United States of America against the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, against the Viet-Nameese people as a whole.

In complete disregard to the Geneva Agreements on Viet-Nam from 1954 the United States military operations have recently been started even in the demilitarized zone between the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and South Viet-Nam set up by these Agreements.

The National Assembly of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, in its declaration of 30 June 1966 and the Government, in its resolution of 15 July 1966, indignantly condemned these criminal actions of the United States Government and fully backed the four-point programme of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and the five-point programme of the National Liberation Front of South Viet-Nam for the political settlement of the Viet-Namese question and emphasized the sacred right of the Viet-Namese people to decide freely their destiny by themselves without any foreign interference.

The Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations would be obliged if the President of the Security Council would arrange to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

The Permanent Mission of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the United Nations avails itself, etc.

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