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LETTER DATED 12 MAY 1972 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA TO THE
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Attached herewith is a copy of the Statement of the Government of the People's Republic of China dated 11 May 1972. I would request you kindly to have it circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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United Nations

* English text provided by submitting delegation.

STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

11 May 1972

On 8 May 1972 United States President Nixon brazenly ordered the mining of the ports of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, the cutting off of the land and water communications of North Viet-Nam and the intensification of air and naval strikes. This is a new grave step taken by the United States in escalating its war of aggression against Viet-Nam.

This act of war escalation by United States imperialism seriously encroaches upon the territory and sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, grossly violates the freedom of international navigation and trade and wantonly tramples upon the Charter of the United Nations and international public law. It is a provocation not only against the Viet-Nameese people, but also against the people of the whole world. The Chinese Government and people express their utmost indignation at and strongly condemn it.

As in the past, the pretexts used by United States imperialism to escalate the war this time are most absurd.

In the war in Viet-Nam, the United States is the aggressor and Viet-Nam the victim of aggression. This is a fact known to all. It is the United States that crudely violated the Geneva Agreements of 1954, created its puppet régime in South Viet-Nam and frenziedly massacred the Viet-Nameese people, thus provoking the armed resistance of the South Viet-Nameese people. It is the United States that moved its forces into South Viet-Nam, thus bringing on the South Viet-Nameese people's war against United States aggression and for national salvation. It is the United States that used its air and naval forces to attack the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, thus expanding the war to the whole of Viet-Nam. And again it is the United States that made massive invasions into Cambodia and Laos, thus merging the battlefields of Indochina into one. Yet now the United States Government describes its aggression as resistance to North Viet-Nameese "invasion". This is wholly reversing black and white!

The United States aggressor forces have used all kinds of barbarous means and massacred thousands upon thousands of people in Viet-Nam and Indochina. The United States Government keeps silent about this and yet clamours about "safeguarding" the lives of American soldiers. In fact, it is entirely due to the United States Government's policy of aggression that American youths have lost their lives on the Viet-Nam battlefield. The question should have been very simple. If only the United States Government stops its aggression immediately, withdraws all its forces unconditionally and ceases supporting the puppet cliques, the United States prisoners of war will return home at an early date and the lives of American soldiers will naturally be safeguarded. By continuing to escalate the war in a big way, the United States Government will only cause more American youths to lose their lives. How is it possible to speak of "safeguarding" their lives?

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The United States Government claims that all these doings on its part are not to expand or escalate the war but to end the war. This hypocritical assertion fully reveals the feeble nature of the United States aggressors. We want to tell the United States Government in all seriousness: gone forever are the days when big nations could bully small ones at will. The struggle of the Viet-Nameese people is a just one. The people of the whole world, including the American people, stand on the side of the Viet-Nameese people. The United States attempt to force the Viet-Nameese people to submit by relying on so-called "air and naval superiority" will prove to be a perpetual fond dream. The statement of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam has put it well: "the Viet-Nameese people have enough determination and enough strength to persist in their just, certainly victorious struggle, even if it will last for five or ten other years, or much longer".

The Chinese Government and people resolutely support the solemn and just stand taken by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam in its statement of 10 May 1972. The Chinese Government reaffirms that "the 700 million Chinese people provide a powerful backing for the Viet-Nameese people; the vast expanse of China's territory is their reliable rear area". No matter what happens, this stand of ours will remain firm and unshakable. So long as United States imperialism does not stop its war of aggression against Viet-Nam, and no matter what forms the war may assume, whether it is fought by the United States itself or by using its puppets and whether fought by ground forces or air and naval forces, we will resolutely support and assist the Viet-Nameese people in their war of resistance to the end till final victory.

The United States aggressors are bound to be defeated!

The Viet-Nameese people, the three Indochinese peoples are sure to win!
