

MLF STATEMENT ON GUAM CONFERENCE

2. The following is a verbatim translation, as provided by Source, of the referenced Viet Cong document, published by the Viet Cong's MLF:

"Somewhere in South Vietnam, 19 March 1967,

"According to western Sources, President JOHNSON and his White House advisers will leave for Guam on the 20th of March 1967 to meet the US authorities stationed in South Vietnam. The traitors' clique of TRIEU-KY has also been summoned by their American superiors to cross over to Guam to receive instructions from Washington masters.

"This is a conference of US war criminals and their stooges to discuss plans for further intensification and escalation of the war in Vietnam. After having suffered losses continuously in their war of aggression in Vietnam and more after their defeats since the beginning of this year, more than before, JOHNSON has been speaking about sincere intentions to reach a peaceful settlement and at the same time continues to increase and intensify the war to realize his aggressive desires.

"In Vietnam, the Americans are now increasing their forces from 42,000 to some 300,000 to 600,000 men and have their satellites - South Korea, Thailand, Australia and the Philippines - to send more troops, planes, warships and other kinds of war materials to Vietnam. They are conducting a large scale chemical war and have increased their attacks against the people in their efforts to realize their 'security program.'

"In the escalation against North Vietnam, the Americans are now intensifying and increasing their raids of industrial centers, big cities and densely populated areas. They have boldly exposed their plans to destroy the southern part of North Vietnam and have brutally stated that for this purpose they are using B-52 bombers operating from bases in Thailand. For the purposes, American imperialists have set aside 4 1/2 billion dollars and while this huge amount seems not to be sufficient in their greedy eyes, they have made plans to increase it up to 16 1/2 billion dollars. Aside from that, JOHNSON intends to authorize blood-thirsty Gen WESTMORELAND and his satellites in SAIGON to use American war potentials in Thailand, Laos and part of the Pacific forces in the war in Vietnam.

"It is evident that the statements made by the JOHNSON clique about 'peace' represents purely empty talks. In fact they are preparing to increase the volume of their military adventure directed against the people of Vietnam. The Guam Conference has been planned in the framework of realization of their criminal plans, forcing the American war of aggression against Vietnam to reach a new stage which is most dangerous and to further sabotage the freedom, peace and security of the people of Indo-China and Asia.

"The Nationalist Liberation Front (NLF) of South Vietnam appeals to all governments, peace loving and justice loving peoples and nations of the world including the progressive people in the United States to undertake more positive and firmer steps to make an end to the increased military aggression to South Vietnam as well as North Vietnam, and to demand the immediate and unconditional stop of the bombing raids against North Vietnam; to withdraw all their forces and satellites from South Vietnam; to leave the people of South Vietnam alone in the determination of their fate and to recognize the National Liberation Front as the sole and only organization truly representing the people of South Vietnam.

"The MLF reminds the American imperialists and their satellites that nothing, not even their escalation plans can save them from bitter defeats in South Vietnam. Their war plans made in HONOLULU and MANILA have and will shamefully fail and go with the cruel plans to be made in Guam.

"The American imperialists should not indulge in wishful thinking that they can subdue 31 million people of Vietnam by force. No dirty war will ever shake the

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firm determination of the people of Vietnam to liberate the south, to defend the north and to unify their beloved motherland.

" The people of South Vietnam are firmly determined together with their northern brothers to give the American imperialists their deserved penalty for their aggressive acts performed against the people of Vietnam and to continue this sacred war of fighting American aggression until victory has been gained."