

APPENDIX I

President  
of the Democratic Republic  
of Vietnam

Hanoi, January 24, 1966

H.E. Mr. Lester Bowles Pearson  
Prime Minister of Canada,  
Ottawa

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to call Your attention to the war of aggression waged by the U.S. imperialists in our country, Vietnam.

Over the past 11 years and more, the United States has been seriously sabotaging the 1954 Geneva Agreements and preventing the peaceful reunification of Vietnam in an attempt to turn South Vietnam into a U.S. new-type colony and military base. It is now waging a war of aggression and barbarously repressing the patriotic struggle of our fellow-countrymen in the South. At the same time, it tries to draw experiences from this war to repress the national liberation movement in other countries.

In an endeavour to get out of the quagmire in South Vietnam, the U.S. imperialists have massively increased the strength of the U.S. expeditionary corps and sent in troops from a number of their satellites to wage direct aggression in South Vietnam. They have also launched air attacks on the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, an independent and sovereign country.

While intensifying and extending the war of aggression in Vietnam, the U.S. imperialists are clamouring about their "desire for peace" and their "readiness to engage in unconditional discussions", in the hope of fooling world public opinion and the American people. Recently, the Johnson Administration has initiated a so-called "search for peace", and put forward a 14-point proposal. As an excuse for its war of aggression in South Vietnam, it claims that it is "keeping its commitments" to the Saigon puppet administration; it slanders the patriotic struggle of the people of South Vietnam, calling it "an aggression by North Vietnam". This deceitful contention can in no way rub out the solemn declaration made by the United States in Geneva in 1954 that "it will refrain from the threat or the use of force to disturb them (i.e. the Geneva Agreements)". Still less can President Johnson's hypocritical allegations conceal the U.S. crimes in Vietnam.

The United States talks about respecting the Geneva Agreements. But one of the main provisions of the said Agreements bans the introduction of foreign troops into Vietnam. If the United States really respects the Agreements, it must withdraw all U.S. and satellite troops from South Vietnam.