STATEMENT BY THE VIETNAM OBSERVER
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Following the nation-wide address of May 9, 1968 by President NGUYEN VAN THIEU of the Republic of Vietnam, the Vietnam Mission to the United Nations deems it necessary to emphasize that:

1- In response to the curtailment of bombing designed to test Hanoi's good faith, North Vietnam has stepped up the infiltration of troops and war materiel into the South, and launched a second wave of offensives against Saigon and other populated areas of the Republic of Vietnam.

Under these circumstances, the Republic of Vietnam would oppose any cessation of the bombing of North Vietnam if the latter did not put an end to its aggressive activities.

2- In any event, the Republic of Vietnam will not negotiate with the so-called National Liberation Front.

3- The Republic of Vietnam, as the principal party involved, must assume the principal role in any negotiations with North Vietnam, at any stage.-