

OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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To Mr. Richard Nixon
President,
United States of America.

Mr. President,

I am Vietnamese. My name is Thai-Binh, which means Peace. A "leadership" scholarship of the Agency for "International Development" brought me to the United States four years ago.

As a Vietnamese student in Vietnamese Affairs, I have studied the massive social, economic, and cultural damage caused by the U.S. war of aggression in Vietnam.

Vietnam is thousands of miles away from the United States. The Vietnamese people have never done any harm to the United States. But, for the past eighteen years, the U.S. Administrations have been systematically violating and sabotaging the 1954 Geneva Agreements, waging the war of aggression in Vietnam, obstructing the restoration of peace, preventing the reunification of my beloved country.

Mr. President, as the leader of the United States, you must know more thoroughly than any one else about when, why, how the United States involved in Vietnam, about the magnitude of war-crimes, crimes against humanity, crimes against peace being committed by the U.S. government in Vietnam, as well as in Laos and Cambodia.

I think you and your successors know perfectly clear about:

- how much bombs dropped in Indochina after you took office.
- how murderous your weapons are
- how destructive on landscape, people under the U.S. bombing.
- how suffering millions of people in Indochina have endured under your hands, under the U.S. policy of genocide, ecocide,

If suppose a powerful country, which is a thousand times stronger than the U.S.A., had been trampling underfoot the soil of the "beautiful" America in its war of aggression. Then, those Imperialist Aggressors had been seizing American property, raping American women, forcing American men to kill each other and other human beings in the "Americanization" program, turning millions of American women into prostitutes, making 150 million Americans becomes refugees forced to live in abject misery and hunger, murdering and maiming 10 million American men, women, and children, supporting a barbaric and repressive regime which puts 2 million American men, women and children in prison as political prisoners.

In that case, I am sure you, as an American patriot, would fight against those barbarians to save your country.

Fortunately for American, since the United States is the most powerful country in the world as you are proud in your speeches many times on T.V., the United States has not been dominated yet.

The above things have been happening exactly in the same way, in the same proportional to Vietnam during the last decades.

May I ask you: who has perpetrated those monstrous crimes?

-It is the United States and satellite troops. The U.S. Government is entirely responsible for the extremely serious situation in Vietnam.

Mr. President, if you imagine for a moment that you are a Vietnamese, and see over 10 million tons of bombs falling on a country that is so small on the map of the world, how do you feel?

If you saw the babies who just uttered their first cry and breathed in the air of this world suddenly B-52s fly over their home and snuff out their innocent precious lives, if you saw the old people who have just as much right to enjoy the comfort and peace of old age as the old people in America, killed by merciless bombs, the fate is worse than the fate of a criminal sentenced to death. See our women, unlike American women who can give their all to the joy of creating and caring for their families, our women lose their lives in frantic efforts to protect their children.

If anyone says that they will cut your body in half and call the upper half of your body A and the lower half B, would you agree? Your answer will surely be NO. With Vietnam it is the same. We are Vietnamese, no matter where we were born, south or north, we have the right to struggle for the independence of our country-Vietnam-according to our circumstances and means wherever we are.

You and your administration often propagandize that North Vietnam has invaded the South, but we ask you to see the fallacy of such propaganda through the example given above. It is the struggle of the whole Vietnamese people for national salvation, for national liberation from the U.S. domination. When South Vietnam is invaded by a foreign force, cannot the people of the North help their fellow countrymen? All support and aid rendered by the North Vietnamese people to the South are within the sacred right of the Vietnamese people.

"All men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness"

This immortal statement was made in the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America on July-4-1776. In a broader sense, this means: All the peoples on the earth are equal from birth, all the peoples have a right to live, to be happy and free.

Nevertheless, during the last decades, the American Administrations abusing the standard of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity, have violated our Fatherland, oppressed our fellow countrymen. They have acted contrary to the ideals of humanity and justice.

This year, July-4th comes to you at a time when the Vietnam war has been spread out all over Vietnam due to your policy to reescalate its war strategy.

If we, Vietnamese, were Americans, we would be very happy to read the Declaration of Independence, but as Americans we would be ashamed that the U.S. government in recent years has undermined the foundation of independence in Vietnam.

For the Vietnamese people, so long as the U.S. aggressive forces remain on our soil, we resolutely fight against it. We rather sacrifice everything than lose our independence and be enslaved. It is crystal clear that no material or technical force whatsoever can stamp out the will for independence and freedom of a people.

We pledge ourselves to keep our independence oath:

"Nothing more precious than independence and freedom" (Ho Chi Minh)

Having gone through over twenty years of war, the Vietnamese people desire peace more eagerly than any one else. But it must be a genuine peace, appease in independence and freedom for the Vietnamese, not a sham peace, not an "American" peace.

In response to the call of my beloved country, I am resolved to struggle by all means against any kind of foreign Aggressors, who invade Vietnam, it is now the American Invaders.

Returning to Vietnam to stand in the line of the Vietnamese people in the struggle for national liberation, *i go to HANOI.*

Mr. President, for the destruction, killing, burning in Vietnam as well as in Indochina, you have had in your hands the whole of the most sophisticated, murderous weapons (chemical, biological, electronic ones), In the struggle for love, peace, justice, I only have with me my unshakable iron will, my indomitable spirit, and my true love to mankind. My cause is just; no weapons, no threats can make me shrink. With the Vietnamese, it is the same.

To defend Vietnam from the U.S. aggression, from the savage ambition of the leaders of the most powerful country in the world, the struggle of the Vietnamese people is full of hardship. Eventhough; today, my only bomb is my human heart which can explode since I accept the sacrifice for grant cause, to call for love, to restore faith of MAN in justice, to wake up the conscience of the enemies. If I get killed, milliom Vietnamese will replace for me to fight until we end this inhuman, immoral war.

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