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ANNEX B

Representative Liberation Front Statements on US
Troop Withdrawal from South Vietnam

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[Redacted] [Redacted]

[Redacted] Apr 68 [Redacted]

[Redacted] [Redacted]

"Hieu stated that the NFLSV would negotiate only with the Americans and only to determine the terms (1) of an American military withdrawal from Vietnam and (2) the recognition of the NFLSV ...the principle of withdrawal is not negotiable. The NFLSV is, however, ready to negotiate the terms of such a withdrawal (timing, etc.)..."

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[Redacted] [Redacted]

[Redacted] May 68 [Redacted]

[Redacted] [Redacted]

"The end of the present situation will come in three phases...The first...unconditional halting of the bombing of North; second...participation of the NFLSV in the negotiations...A cease-fire will probably come in this phase, with the withdrawal of US forces, possibly into enclaves; the third phase will consist of the formation in South Vietnam of a provisional government."

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[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] Oct 67 [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted]

"The Front representative in Prague, Ha Van Lam,...when asked to clarify what was meant by 'complete withdrawal' of troops, said the NLF had not really defined its position on this point. Lam then commented 'and this you can tell your American friends.'"

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[redacted]
[redacted] Mar 67 [redacted]
[redacted]

Excerpts from article entitled "Interview with NFLSV Official," [redacted]

"Hanoi--The Viet Cong's highest representative in North Vietnam hinted today that the Viet Cong would agree to gradual withdrawal of US forces in Vietnam in the event of a peaceful settlement of the war. Nguyen Van Tien...told [redacted] 'Naturally we do not envisage the departure of US forces from one day to the next, or even within a month. We appreciate the expression... within a reasonable period of time.'"

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[redacted]
[redacted] Sep 66 [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] who has just returned from Phnom Penh where he covered DeGaulle's visit [redacted] gave [redacted] [redacted] rundown of much publicized discussions French

held with DRV and NLF reps... Neither reps gave French any indication that DeGaulle's proposal for US announcement of withdrawal from Vietnam according to time schedule would be sufficient for them to accept negotiations...NLF rep did, however, display some interest in idea of timetable for evacuation and asked how it might function..."

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[Redacted]
[Redacted] Feb 66
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[Redacted] February 1966 Vo Cong Trung, VC representative in Algiers, said...in other words that the NFLSV does not demand that American troops be withdrawn prior to negotiations although it cannot state this officially because that would make it appear that the five points are negotiable..."

"In discussing whether American troops would have to leave South Vietnam before negotiations, Trung said, 'it is simple enough--the Americans have broken into our house and occupied our premises. If they decide to leave, all they have to do is come to us, the owners, and tell us...When they do this, we can discuss how and when they will leave..."

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[redacted]
[redacted] Jan 66
[redacted]

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[redacted]. Viet Cong
reps imply (A) that reuni-
fication is well down on
their timetable... (B) that
in exchange for agreement
to negotiate with them, Viet
Cong, unlike Hanoi, would
not pose as prior condition
withdrawal of US forces; (C)
that, in event of US-Viet
Cong political settlement,
US troop evacuation might
be spread over considerable
period of time; (D) give
impression that they mis-
trust Hanoi and Chicoms but
are unable to take independ-
ent stand unless this would
pay off in settlement accept-
able to Viet Cong..."

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[redacted] in October
1965, said that he believed
the Liberation Front was
quite prepared to discuss
the modalities of a military
withdrawal with US repre-
sentatives.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Aug 65
[redacted]

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[redacted]
NLFSV rep, Nguyen Van Dong,
[redacted] conveyed following
views:

"Settlement must be along
lines of 1954 Geneva agree-
ments, with withdrawal of
US forces from SVN. There
would be interim period of
two governments in Vietnam.

Neither two Vietnam govern-
ments nor subsequent united
gov't could have any foreign
military alliances, but in
interim, they--presumably
NFLSV--could contemplate a
symbolic American presence.
However, large American
force could create problems
of control.."

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