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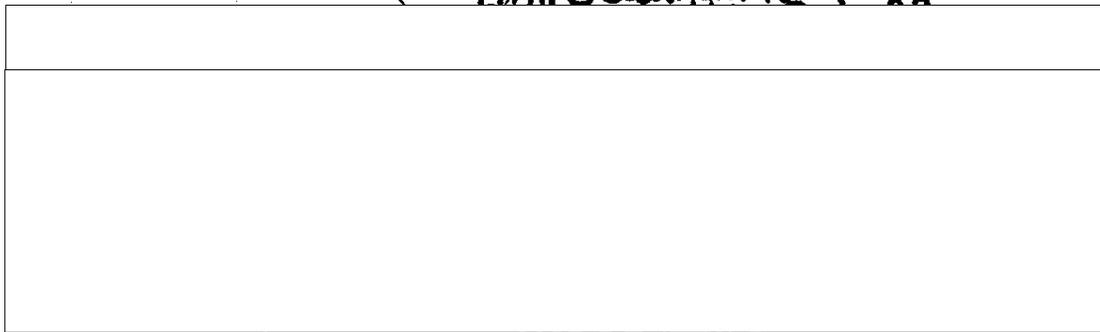
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1. (SUMMARY. THE JCP-CONTROLLED DELEGATION FROM THE JCIWCV RETURNED TO JAPAN IN MID-JANUARY FROM ABOUT A MONTH'S VISIT TO HANOI-HAIPHONG, AND THE SEVEN SOUTHERNMOST PROVINCES OF NORTH VIETNAM. THE JCIWCV DELEGATION HAD INTERVIEWED TOP NORTH VIETNAM OFFICIALS, "REFUGEES" FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, AND ONE CAPTURED AMERICAN NAVY PILOT. THE DELEGATION BROUGHT BACK A QUANTITY OF "EVIDENCE" OF AMERICAN WAR CRIMES, WHICH IT WILL USE IN A NATION-

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WIDE CAMPAIGN IN JAPAN TO PROMOTE ITS ACTIVITIES AND ALSO FOR USE IN LONDON IN THE BERTRAND RUSSELL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL THIS SPRING.)

2. THE JCF-CONTROLLED DELEGATION FROM THE JAPAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE WAR CRIMES IN VIETNAM (JCIWCV), WHICH VISITED NORTH VIETNAM FROM MID-DECEMBER TO MID-JANUARY, INTERVIEWED NORTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH, PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG, THE DEFENSE MINISTER, MANY OTHER OFFICIALS, 15 REFUGEES WHO HAD "ESCAPED" FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, AND ONE AMERICAN POW WHILE THERE. THE POW WAS A NAVY PILOT OF THE SEVENTH FLEET WITH THE RANK OF MAJOR, WHO HAD FLOWN 95 MISSIONS AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM BEFORE BEING CAPTURED. [Redacted] COMMENT: ALTHOUGH [Redacted] REPORTED THE RANK AS "MAJOR", IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE MEANT LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.)

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3. THE JCIWCV DELEGATION TRAVELLED OVER 3,500 KILOMETERS IN NORTH VIETNAM, INCLUDING HANOI-HAIPHONG AND THE SEVEN SOUTHERNMOST PROVINCES, WHILE COLLECTING "EVIDENCE OF AMERICAN WAR CRIMES." THE JCIWCV DELEGATION ALSO COORDINATED ITS INVESTIGATION WITH THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION DISPATCHED FROM LONDON BY THE BERTRAND RUSSELL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL COMMITTEE, AND WITH THE

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NORTH VIETNAM AND THE SOUTH VIETNAM COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE AMERICAN WAR CRIMES.

4. AMONG THE "CONCLUSIONS" REACHED BY THE JCIWCV DELEGATION WERE THAT: (A) MOST OF THE BOMBS (SUCH AS CBU, FRAGMENTATION, AND NAPALM BOMBS) DROPPED BY THE AMERICANS ARE ANTI-PERSONNEL TYPE, DESIGNED TO MASSACRE THE POPULATION RATHER THAN DESTROY MILITARY TARGETS ; (B) THE NAPALM BOMBS BEING DROPPED BY THE AMERICANS CONTAIN A MIXTURE OF YELLOW PHOSPHORUS AND NAPALM, MAKING THEM MUCH MORE DEADLY THAN ORDINARY NAPALM BOMBS; (C) THE AMERICANS ARE PLANNING TO LAUNCH A NEW BOMBING OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE DIKES AND IRRIGATION FACILITIES OF NORTH VIETNAM IN JUNE; AND (D) AS PROVED BY THE TESTIMONY OF THE AMERICAN NAVY PILOT, AMERICAN BOMBING ATTACKS IN NORTH VIETNAM ARE TARGETTED PRIMARILY AT CIVIL, DENSELY POPULATED AREAS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, CHURCHES, AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

5. THE JCIWCV DELEGATION ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT SEVENTY PERCENT OF HANOI'S CIVILIAN POPULATION HAS BEEN PERMANENTLY EVACUATED TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, ANOTHER FIFTEEN PERCENT HAS HAD THEIR RESIDENCES MOVED OUTSIDE OF HANOI BUT CONTINUE TO WORK IN THE CITY, AND THE OTHER FIFTEEN PERCENT REMAINS IN HANOI.

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ANOTHER REPORT ON EFFECTS OF THE WAR IN NORTH VIETNAM, FROM A DIFFERENT SOURCE, SEE [REDACTED]

6. THE JCIWCV DELEGATION BROUGHT BACK A LARGE QUANTITY OF COLLECTED "EVIDENCE", INCLUDING: ANTI-PERSONNEL BOMB FRAGMENTS; A U.S. ARMY HELMET MADE BY THE ARAI COMPANY OF OMIYA CITY, SAITAMA PREFECTURE, JAPAN; ABOUT 2,000 PHOTOGRAPHS MADE BY A PHOTOGRAPHER MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION; TAPE-RECORDED INTERVIEWS OF THE 15 REFUGEES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM; DOCUMENTS SUPPLIED BY THE NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATION COMMITTEES; A DOCUMENTARY FILM MADE BY THE JCIWCV DELEGATION AND ANOTHER DOCUMENTARY FILM SUPPLIED BY THE NORTH VIETNAM INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE, SHOWING AMERICAN ATROCITIES; AND CAPTURED AMERICAN MILITARY DOCUMENTS. THIS "EVIDENCE" WAS BROUGHT BACK TO JAPAN PRIMARILY FOR DISPLAY IN JAPAN TO PROMOTE THE JCIWCV MOVEMENT, BUT A PORTION OF IT WILL BE SENT TO LONDON BY MESSENGER FOR LATER USE IN THE SPRING WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL.

7. THE JCIWCV IS PLANNING A NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN, DISPLAYING THIS "EVIDENCE" AND WITH ACCOMPANYING SPEECHES BY DELEGATION MEMBERS, THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MARCH. THE JCIWCV HOPES TO RAISE SOME \$28,000 AS CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS WAY TO FINANCE ITS ACTIVITIES.

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THE NEXT MAJOR MEETING SPONSORED BY THE JCIWCV WILL BE AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH IN TOKYO, AT WHICH ABOUT 1,000 PEACE ACTIVISTS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE. THE JCIWCV WILL USE THE HARRISON SALISBURY REPORTS FROM NORTH VIETNAM, BUT WILL CORRECT OR CRITICIZE THE "FALSE" PARTS OF HIS REPORTS. THE JCIWCV IS ALSO CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING AN EXHIBITION OF AMERICAN WAR CRIMES "EVIDENCE" IN THE UNITED STATES, AND PRELIMINARY PLANNING FOR THIS IS BEING DONE WITH THE GROUP OF FOUR AMERICAN WOMEN PEACE ACTIVISTS WHO VISITED HANOI LAST DECEMBER.

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