It is a bugle call which urges the 14 million southern people to take advantage of their victories to surge forward to defeat more than 1 million U.S., puppet, and satellite troops and win great and (?heroic) victories.

In the light of the political program recently proclaimed by the front, the heroic southern people will certainly develop vigorously all the potential capabilities of the people, develop their offensive thrust, step up their armed and political struggle, make the great people's war develop to a new degree, and completely defeat the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys.

In the north, under the leadership of the party Central Committee and government, headed by respected and beloved President Ho, our armed forces and people are simultaneously engaged, wholeheartedly and to the best of their ability, in production and combat and in resolutely fulfilling the large rear base's obligation toward the large frontline. For more than two years, our northern armed forces and people have overcome all difficulties, fought courageously, and scored many great achievements in production and combat and in serving the frontline. Our fight will be more violent in the days ahead. Therefore, the tasks of our armed forces and people will be heavier and require us to make outstanding efforts to achieve greater successes in all fields.

The present glorious and heavy tasks of the north, which have been set forth by our party, government, and President Ho, are: To simultaneously perform production and combat, to pool human and material resources, to contribute toward defeating the enemy's war of destruction against the north, to determinedly step up production under all war circumstances, to support the southern revolution wholeheartedly and to the best of our ability, and, at the same time, to take precautionary measures against the U.S. imperialists' schemes to expand the limited war all over our country. We must thoroughly and deeply grasp these tasks and strive resolutely to carry them out by every means. Concerning combat, we must step up the people's war, resolutely defeat the U.S. imperialists' war of destruction against the northern part of our country, and hold aloft the banner of determination to defeat the U.S. aggressors through valiant and skillful acts.

Our armed forces and people must appropriately punish all new war escalation steps taken by the U.S. imperialists. We must vigorously develop the moral, material, political, and military strength of the socialist north and, at the same time, effectively use the assistance of the socialist countries in order to defeat the U.S. aggressors. We must regularly heighten our vigilance and firmly grasp the continuous, protracted, and resolute character of our task of fighting against the U.S. imperialists' war of destruction. We have never nourished any illusions about the U.S. imperialists' good will for peace. Only by dealing vigorous and continuous blows at their air, naval, and artillery forces, conflicting heavy losses on them, and reducing their forces and aggressive determination can we check their criminal hands. Dealing vigorous and continuous blows at the U.S. imperialists' air, naval, and artillery forces constitute the most realistic and most effective act aimed at insuring coordination with the heroic southern armed forces and people and, at the same time, is a great encouragement for the armed forces and people all over our country.

We must strive to develop the fighting capacity of our armed forces and the various branches of the people's army and make our fire nets against U.S. aircraft, warships, and artillery units increasingly highly effective in order to destroy as many U.S. aircraft, warships, and artillery units as possible and to protect the socialist north more satisfactorily.
We must invent more methods of fighting the U.S. air force. For more than two years, as of 14 September 1967 the U.S. imperialists had suffered about 2,300 aircraft shot down over the north. This indicates the tragic bankruptcy of the U.S. air force's tactics and proves that we have had creative and appropriate tactics developed by each of our forces and branches.

Now faced with the U.S. imperialists' new plots and acts of sabotage, it is all the more necessary for us to devise more brave and resourceful tactics in order to constantly take the enemy by surprise and to cause him to sustain heavy defeats. We must also pay great attention to improving and developing methods of fighting the U.S. naval force and artillery units. With a steadfast militant determination, heroism, courage, and intelligence, we must do our best to develop the superiority of our existing weapons and be determined to invent highly effective tactics in order to punish the U.S. naval force and artillery units appropriately.

Along with positively fighting the enemy, we must better perform our air defense tasks. It is necessary to continue consolidating our people's air defense system, to consolidate and develop our alert network against the enemy's aircraft and warship attacks, and to consolidate and build more shelters and communication trenches, especially in densely populated places like factories, hospitals, schools, and so forth. It is necessary to promptly commend and reward individuals, units, and localities for their achievements in people's air defense. At the same time, appropriate disciplinary measures must be taken against individuals, units, and localities for their negligence of air defense tasks, negligence which may cause avoidable damage and losses.

On the communications and transportation front, our soldiers and people have made great efforts, have fought valiantly and heroically, and have scored outstanding achievements. In the days to come, we must make greater efforts in order to achieve more glorious victories on this front. No matter how fierce and ruthless enemy attacks may be, we must be resolved to insure smooth communication operations, to meet the demands of the frontline and the demands for combat and production, and to insure the people's livelihood.

While continuing their resistance against the U.S. imperialists' war of destruction, the northern armed forces and people have not stopped preparing to fight and defeat the enemy if he ventures to expand the local war to North Vietnam. We must continue making more careful and urgent ideological and organizational preparations for vanquishing the U.S. ground force, as well as any of the enemy's armed services, on whatever scale. We must closely combine our fighting against the war of destruction with those preparations in order to defeat the enemy under all other war circumstances.

With regard to production, we must positively implement the policies and plans of the party and the state concerning the change of trends for building and developing the economy and continue building the material and technical base for socialism. We must do our utmost and resolutely fulfill the state plan in order to meet the immediate demands of the anti-U.S. national salvation struggle, the demands for building socialism, and the demands of the people's everyday life.

We must step up agricultural and industrial production, attach importance to developing local industries, and endeavor to increase the economic potentials and national defense force of our people. During the past two years, under the correct leadership of the party and the government and under the violent fighting conditions, North Vietnam's economy has indicated the superiority of socialism.
North Vietnam's socialist agriculture is settling with good results such problems as food, irrigation, intensive cultivation designed to increase production, increases in yearly crops, land clearing, and so forth. Our new-born industry has made very positive contributions to developing production, insuring the people's livelihood, and serving national defense.

On the basis of these achievements, our people can and will surely achieve socialist construction in North Vietnam more satisfactorily under the violent fighting conditions. The anti-U.S. national salvation struggle of our people in the entire country has entered a very urgent state. As a large rear of the entire country, North Vietnam is resolved to mobilize all of her manpower and wealth to carry out the slogan: "Everything for the frontline, everything for victory."

The clear-sighted leadership of the party and the government, the unbroken solidarity of the people, the determination to fight to win, the spirit of sacrificing everything for the fatherland's independence and freedom, and the outstanding efforts of our people are the most basic guarantees for our people to have sufficient strength to fight tenaciously and protractedly to score greater achievements and advance toward the final victory.

Our people's armed forces must be fully and deeply aware of the enemy's schemes and their present revolutionary and military tasks, uphold the spirit of resolutely fighting to achieve victory, and increase their fighting capacity in order to become the truly invincible armed forces of the heroic Vietnamese people. "In the past, under the leadership of the party and President Ho, our people's armed forces have upheld revolutionary heroism, developed their "determination to fight and win" tradition, incessantly heightened their fighting strength, fought in an extremely valiant and heroic manner, and won glorious victories on all battlefields. Never before were our people's armed forces so strong as they are now. Our people's armed forces are a heroic community of a heroic people." On all anti-U.S. battlefields, officers and enlisted men and units of our people's armed forces have performed thousands of heroic acts. On all anti-U.S. battlefields, our people's armed forces have stood side by side with the people in raising high President Ho's banner of resolutely fighting to defeat the U.S. aggressors and have achieved glorious victories.

As the shock force of our people in the present anti-U.S. national salvation resistance war, our people's armed forces are highly enthusiastic over their achievements and feats of arms in building their ranks and fighting the enemy. We must not be subjective and conceited and must endeavor to struggle without repose to improve our fighting quality, to develop our fighting force, and to make our people's armed forces, which have fought well, fight better and resolved to fight to vanquish the U.S. imperialist aggressors under all war circumstances.

The present tasks of our people's armed forces is to fight and at the same time build themselves into an invincible steel-like force for completely defeating the U.S. aggressors. We know that to defeat the enemy, the armed forces must have a certain number of troops and at the same time be of high quality. Of these two aspects, special emphasis must be paid upon quality. To be of high quality, a company must be as strong as 10 ordinary companies.

The military theory of Marxism-Leninism points out that the power of a revolutionary force must not be measured by the number of its troops alone. Quantity is necessary, but on the basis of a certain quantity, quality plays a decisive role. The problem of improving quality is a precious tradition and a great experience of our people's armed forces. From the guerrilla units of the pre-1945 general uprising period to the army units during the resistance against the French colonialist aggressors, our people's armed forces, thanks to their high fighting quality, have used small units to defeat larger enemy units and achieved victories everywhere.
The drives for training troops for achieving victories, for training officers and improving soldiers, and for political and military reeducation have helped our People's Armed Forces fulfill in an outstanding way all fighting tasks during the anti-French resistance. During the past few years, the "three first" drive and the campaign for building "determination to win" units have made important contributions to making the People's Armed Forces grow quickly and win glorious victories. The burning lesson of the southern army and people who are using a force of high quality to defeat an enemy who is superior numerically and who is equipped with stronger weapons is encouraging us to struggle continually and improve the quality of our People's Armed Forces.

In the struggle against the U.S. imperialists' war of destruction, we have clearly realized the important influence of the task of improving our fighting quality. The Nguyen Viet Xuan anti-aircraft artillery battalion, the sixth missile regiment, the first and second companies of the air force, the seventh detachment of the navy, many artillery units, many self-defense militia units, and so forth have fought very well; they are typical examples of units having high fighting quality. The anti-French resistance of our people in the past, in its entire process as well as in the development of various combats and campaigns, has brought forth brilliant examples of the great influence of troop quality.

In the present anti-U.S. national salvation resistance, we do not have as many troops and modern weapons as the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys; yet we have defeated the enemy. This proves the great influence of troop quality. After carefully studying the strategic and fighting efficiency of the armed forces in general as well as of each category of troops, each military service, and each unit in particular, we have clearly realized the great influence of troop quality. Therefore, the problem of improving troop quality and developing their fighting power is now a task of strategic significance having a decisive meaning for the task of achieving our people's great determination to completely defeat the U.S. aggressors. To strive to struggle and improve troop quality and to develop the fighting power of all three categories of troops will surely increase by many times the strategic and fighting efficiency of the People's Armed Forces, achieve great progress and a big leap forward and bring about great changes in the political and military situation of the resistance.

The problem of improving the armed forces' quality must be raised in a comprehensive way, embracing all fields: political, military, logistic, ideological, organizational, and efficiency. We must implement this policy in all three categories of troops—regulars, local troops, and self-defense militiamen—in all military services and branches, and in all military organs at all echelons with the aim of developing the power of all the components of the People's Armed Forces in order to defeat the U.S. aggressors in all war circumstances.

We must endeavor to further increase the regulars' fighting, making all regular units fight better and actually become the iron fists which will win every battle and continually and quickly and completely annihilate the enemy everywhere in our country. We must pay more attention to increasing the fighting power of local troops in order to make the local units from the mountainous region to the coastal areas become strong units having great fighting capacity in the localities and being able to fight well independently as well in cooperation with militiamen and regulars, fulfill all tasks in an outstanding way, annihilate the enemy forces, launch the guerrilla war, and protect the people.
We must pay great attention to increasing the fighting power and numerical strength of the self-defense militia, thus making the self-defense militia become a strong, stable, and widespread armed force ready to fight the enemy and fight him well with all weapons on hand or to be obtained, play the role of a shock force in production, and supply the local and regular forces with good officers and soldiers.

We must pay greater attention to increasing the quality of the armed forces' military organs and schools so that these organs can be of great help to military leaders and commanders, so that these schools can train and improve many officers of high quality, thus actively contributing to the fulfillment of the building and fighting task of the people's armed forces. We must endeavor to satisfy the following requirements:

A—To heighten the political and ideological levels of officers and men so that they can more deeply understand the sacred anti-U.S. national salvation duty, have a boiling revolutionary spirit, have a strong offensive spirit and a high fighting will, unite closely around the party Central Committee, the government, and President Ho, thoroughly implement the policies and lines of the party and the instructions and orders of higher echelons, fulfill all fighting, building, and other tasks, and have the determination to completely defeat the U.S. aggressors and win the greatest victories on the battlefield under any war circumstances.

B—To heighten their technical and tactical levels, it is necessary to pursue the training of officers and men so that they can maintain and cleverly use their weapons and equipment, and flexibly and efficiently apply the tactical principles and fighting methods of the people's war. It is necessary to lay emphasis on the quality of resoluteness, courage, resourcefulness, and creativeness in combat and study. We must also pay special attention to training units so that they can launch military operations, station troops, and fight continually on all battlefields under arduous and fierce conditions.

C—To rearrange and improve organizations and equipment in order to fit them to the combat requirements, to the characteristics and duties of different units, to battlefield conditions, and to our capacity, in order to make the various units become orderly, light, and strong organizationally and have great fighting power. It is necessary to streamline the organization, arrange the forces rationally, and build for various organizations work habits and systems to be applied in military operations and combat.

D—To streamline party organizations and mass organizations; to streamline party committees and branches in order to make them strong and stable in all fields; to regularly develop the party; to improve party members so that they will have a high political level and be able to mobilize the masses; to build leading methods for various party echelons from top to bottom; to continuously heighten the leading role of the party under all circumstances; to continue streamlining the mass organizations so that these organizations can fulfill all their tasks and missions, fully develop the intelligence and capacity of all their members, and become a great force in each unit.

E—To improve the troops' material life, heighten their technical level, and improve their stamina and endurance; to strictly enforce the systems of preserving and repairing weapons and military equipment; to rationally use spare weapons, ammunition, and equipment; to strictly enforce the principle of taking weapons from the enemy to equip ourselves; to satisfactorily organize the feeding of troops, their physical training, the improvement of their endurance and stamina, and the improvement of their health, thus insuring a high percentage of fighting men; to satisfactorily organize the treatment of wounded and sick troops so that they will be restored and returned to their units quickly.
To develop and increase the efficiency of cadres at all levels. The cadres have played a very important role in building the armed forces and in improving their fighting ability. Only when the cadres are good can units become good and fulfill their fighting task and other tasks. Therefore, it is necessary to strive to develop and increase the efficiency of cadres at all levels and to pay attention to heightening the troop units' leadership, command, and management level and the organizational level in order to fulfill all concrete tasks under difficult, complicated circumstances, especially under urgent, fierce fighting circumstances.

We must have a very high determination and many effective measures in order to swiftly increase the efficiency of cadres at all levels. Only on this basis can we satisfy the early maturity of the armed forces and the war development. At present, the movement to heighten the quality and to develop the fighting strength of the people's armed forces and to increase their determination to fight and defeat the U.S. aggressors is highly significant with regard to the fighting and building task of our people's armed forces. This movement requires all cadres and combatants to make strenuous efforts and to devote themselves to increasing the fighting strength of all units to a new higher degree.

The leading and commanding cadres bear a very great responsibility. Cadres and party members must certainly take the lead in this important movement. All cadres at all levels must have a great determination. This is the determination to fight and completely defeat the U.S. aggressors. It is necessary to see all the enemy's setbacks, difficulties, confusion, and deadlock, and, at the same time, it is necessary to see all the great successes and capabilities of our army and people, to make a detailed study of the enemy and ourselves, and to firmly grasp the laws of the resistance and the skilled military art of the people's war. Let all cadres at all levels enthusiastically move forward, be more determined and valiant, and resolutely fight and defeat and know how to defeat the aggressors in order to make valuable contributions to the glorious task of our people and people's armed forces.

On the vast frontline, the southern liberation armed forces are simultaneously fulfilling the fighting and building tasks and have incessantly increased their fighting strength. The resounding feats of arms, the swift maturity, the outstanding progress, and the abundant achievements of the heroic southern liberation armed forces are vigorously encouraging all cadres and combatants of our people's armed forces. It is hoped that the heroic southern liberation armed forces will score great achievements in fulfilling their fighting task as well as in fulfilling the task of increasing their fighting strength and will, together with all our people, move forward to completely defeat the U.S. aggressors.

In carrying out President Ho's sacred anti-U.S. national salvation appeal in order to completely defeat the more than 1 million U.S., puppet, and satellite troops, our people's armed forces must have in mind and carry out his advice: be loyal to the party and the people, fulfill all tasks, overcome all difficulties, and defeat all aggressors. All our cadres and combatants must clearly understand their tasks, strive to struggle, swiftly increase the fighting strength of the people's armed forces, and resolutely fulfill their glorious task as shock forces of all our people in the anti-U.S. national salvation struggle.
The victories on the battlefields are encouraging us and filling us with enthusiasm. All our people are awaiting from our people's armed forces new steps of progress and more resounding and greater feats of arms in the days ahead. The history of our people is the history of a victorious people. Tran Hung Dao, Le Loi, Nguyen Trai, and Quang Trung fiercely fought an enemy of greater strength and were gloriously victorious.

Since the party and President Ho assumed leadership, our people have brought to success the August Revolution and the resistance and successively defeated the Japanese fascists, the French imperialists, and the U.S. interventionists. In the past 10 years, our people have successively defeated all the aggressive schemes of the U.S. imperialists, their neocolonialist aggressive policy with their traditional tricks, and their special war with more than half a million puppet troops, and have defeated and are defeating their local war strategy with more than 1 million U.S., puppets, and satellite troops in the south and have, at the same time, defeated and are defeating their war of destruction with air and naval forces in the north.

It is obvious that our Vietnamese people have sufficient determination and capabilities and will certainly and completely defeat the U.S. invaders' war of aggression. In the fierce fight against the U.S. aggressors, the most cruel and barbarous imperialist ringleaders in the present war, our Vietnamese people will certainly achieve complete victory, because our great national salvation resistance has been glowing with just cause, has enjoyed correct political and military lines and the unity-strength of our people who rose up to struggle, has possessed a firm determination and skilled fighting methods, and has enjoyed great assistance from the brotherly socialist countries and strong sympathy and encouragement from progressive people in the world, including the U.S. people.

The anti-U.S. national salvation resistance of our people is the continuation and development of the August Revolutionary struggle and the anti-French resistance in the past. This resistance must overcome a great many sacrifices and hardships but will certainly score glorious successes. This is the great struggle, which has never been seen before in the country-building and country-protecting history of our people. This struggle is also of great international significance, because it contributes to protecting the socialist bloc and stepping up the movement to liberate the peoples and to protect peace in the world. This struggle is a great contribution of our Vietnamese people to the common revolutionary struggle of the people in the world to oppose imperialism headed by the U.S. imperialists and to achieve peace, national independence, democracy, and socialism.

Under President Ho's "determination to defeat the U.S. aggressors!" flag, let all our army and people take advantage of victories to move forward. The Vietnamese people are determined to completely defeat more than a million U.S., puppet, and satellite troops. The U.S. imperialists' neocolonialist war of aggression will certainly be defeated. The people's war of the heroic Vietnamese people will certainly win complete victory!