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II. ASSAULT YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS ANNIVERSARY

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[Letter from the South Viet-Nam Liberation Assault Youth Group to the Central Committee of the Viet-Nam People's Revolutionary Youth Union]

On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the South Viet-Nam Liberation Youth Union and the 6th anniversary of the South Viet-Nam Liberation Assault Youth Group, the South Viet-Nam Liberation Assault Youth Group has addressed a letter to the Central Executive Committee of the Viet-Nam People's Revolutionary Youth Union. The letter reads:

"In carrying out a resolution of the Revolutionary Youth Union and the five volunteers' movement launched by the Union, the First Assault Youth Unit, the 100th Unit, was formed on 20 April 1963, with 108 members leaving to serve the frontline. Only a short period after the formation of the 100th unit many other units such as the 198th, 29th, 2, 311th, and 112th Units were formed, thus gradually forming the present strong assault youth force. On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the founding of the South Viet-Nam Liberation Youth Union and the 6th anniversary of the South Viet-Nam Liberation Assault Youth Group, we beg to convey our deep gratitude to the Central Committees of the South Viet-Nam Liberation Youth Union, and the People's Revolutionary Youth Union. For the past six years, under the direct leadership of the Revolutionary Youth Union Central Committee and with the encouragement of the South Viet-Nam Liberation Youth Central Committee, the Assault Youth Group has quickly attained its maturity and achieved many exploits.

"Since the formation of the Assault Youth Group, the cadres and members of the Group, with their shoulders carrying a thousand pounds and their feet walking scores of thousands of miles, have gone through rains of bombs and shells of the enemy, overcome great difficulties and hardships, and contributed to the resounding victories at Dong Xoai, Bau Bang, Can Dam, Can Le, Tay Ninh, Ben Thanh, Dau Tieng, Loc Ninh, Hon Quan, Bien Hoa, Long Binh, in the area surrounding Saigon and so forth. They have contributed to the PLAF's victories in smashing the U.S. dry-season counteroffensives, such as the (Junction City) and (Attleboro) operations and so forth, and had the honor to contribute blood and sweat to the historical Mau Than (1968--Ed) victory.

"In the process of the combat and combat-serving tasks, many comrades such as Doan Thi Lien, Vo Thi Ram, Nguyen Thanh Nha, Le Hung Minh, Pham Van Be, (Trung Chinh Thanh), Trung Kien, Dao Van Thiet, Hoang Anh and so forth have given brilliant examples of revolutionary heroism, and many units such as the Hoang Le Kha Unit, the Ap Bac Unit, the Thanh Dong Unit have gained the 'First Banner Unit' title, and many groups and individuals have been awarded medals by the NFLSV Central Committee, the RSVN PRG, the South Viet-Nam PLAF Command, and the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Youth Union

"The aforementioned exploits are the pride of the cadres and members of the Assault Youth Group, who have contributed to building the heroic fighting traditions of the South Vietnamese youths who are standing on the forefront against the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen and who are struggling for the independence and freedom of the fatherland, and the brilliant future of the youth.

"The more we are proud of the achievements obtained, the more we clearly realize the great care given us by the Central Committees of the Revolutionary Youth Union and the South Viet-Nam Liberation Youth Union, the more we should not let ourselves be satisfied with the results obtained and the greater efforts we should employ to fulfill the tasks entrusted us by the superior echelons at present and in the days ahead.

"To commemorate in a practical manner the 10th anniversary of the South Viet-Nam Liberation Youth Union and the 6th anniversary of the South Viet-Nam Liberation Assault Youth Group, all our cadres and members promise to constantly heighten their consciousness of the situation and of the tasks to be fulfilled, of the lines and policies of the Party (as heard--Ed.), and the resolutions of the Revolutionary Youth Union; to step up the political and ideological task in order to constantly strengthen the workers class' stand; to assert for themselves a high revolutionary determination and a role faced with the new requirements and new tasks; to the lead under all circumstances; to actively build the youth's force into an ideologically and organizationally strong collective; to resolutely build many four - good units; to further educate the youth with an organizational and disciplined spirit; (words indistinct) to strengthen the body of cadres, to help the youth improve their revolutionary ethics and behavior and acquire a new revolutionary way of life; to accept and fulfill all the tasks entrusted them by the superior echelons; to bring into full play the spirit of self-reliance, thriftiness and honesty; to fight waste and corruption; to insure, on the basis of further heightening the youth's political consciousness and

revolutionary heroism, a materially and morally happy life for the youth units; to develop victories and overcome shortcomings; to step up all the emulation drives established by the superior echelons, to uphold the 'five-volunteers' and 'four-good' banner, and to achieve exploits to show themselves worthy of the care given them by Uncle Ho,

"We, the assault youth, pledge to live, struggle, work and study after the example of great Uncle Ho. The assault youth sacrifice themselves for the victories on the battlefields. We wish the members of the Central Executive Committees of the Revolutionary Youth Union and the South Viet-Nam Liberation Youth Union good health so that they may lead the youth movement throughout the South to advance to achieve brilliant success. We extend our salutations of unity and victories to all the youths of both sexes throughout the South."