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# NYTimes Excerpts From Address on Resignation

SAIGON, South Vietnam, April 21. [UPI]—Following are excerpts from President Nguyen Van Thieu's resignation speech today, as translated by United Press International:

I argued with the Americans. I told them. "You are selling out South Vietnam to the Communists." But the American officials said, "We demand you sign this agreement."

I rejected that plan. I said we would not go along with it. I do not go along with any agreement with the Communists in any form whatsoever. The North Vietnamese will not agree to our Constitution, our laws, in reaching a solution on what is to be done here in South Vietnam.

This has been shown. Russians, Chinese, Americans, even Kissinger, have not been able to work it out.

If only the American Government gives us support, we can hold off the North Vietnamese Communists and there is nothing to worry about.

President Nixon told me that all accords are only pieces of paper, with no value unless they are implemented. What was important, he said, was not that he had signed the accord but that the United States would always stand ready to help South Vietnam in case the Communists violated the accord.

I asked that the United States should be ready to come back in force to help directly, not just Vietnamization, in case the Communists renewed their aggression against South Vietnam.

The most important question in my view at that time was direct United States intervention. So I won a solid pledge from our great ally, leader of the free world, that when and if North Vietnam renewed its aggression against South Vietnam, the United States would actively and strongly intervene.

As far as economic assistance goes, particularly Vietnamization of the economy, many foreigners caused great difficulty in our internal situation. We have not seen the Communists helping the people of South Vietnam either. The Communists want nothing else but to dominate us. This is the fifth time the Communists have tried to take over our country. They were not successful.

If soldiers at outposts are

overrun, where do they go? They have no place. We have no place to run if we give up the Republic of Vietnam.

To fight against the rebels we have to have ammunition, the wherewithal to fight. The other side gets it from the Communists. The Communists bring down more people, more tanks, more guns, and they would like to overrun us.

If the United States had intervened as it should have we would not be losing province capitals, district capitals, and we would not be faced with losing the national capital. Maybe we could have worked out something with the Communists.

## 'We Lost Tanks'

We lost tanks. We lost artillery. The United States, when this happened, should have reacted.

Let me ask you: When the Americans saw the loss of those vehicles and weapons, why did you not come and replace them? When you saw our people being lost, why did you not come in and help our people? You signed the Paris agreement, which said you would do this.

Now I have told you the situation and how the allies have treated us. I am hiding nothing.

Now we are going to regroup and we are going to retain III Corps and IV Corps, even though others made stupid mistakes in I Corps and II Corps. Do not lay down your arms. Keep your arms. If you make the mis-

take of abandoning outposts and laying down your arms, we are going to lose everything.

In front of the National Assembly I announce my resignation as President.

I accept all responsibility for what has happened in South Vietnam during my terms as President, whether it was good or bad.

My flesh is worthless. The important thing is you, the soldier, and you, the people. I do not know when I can live with you again, but I am looking forward to that time.

You must remember that in 1968 the American pressure was not small. They wanted us to bring the so-called liberation forces into power. I fought against it. Anyone who wants to know what kind of a person I am, who wants to know about the power of the regime, should ask the American Government about what happened in 1968.

I told you, in those days that if you listened to these political schemes of the Americans you would be lost. Now you are going to find out what I meant in those days in 1968.

I put out the plan that there was only one solution.

## 'An Alternative Solution'

I was given an alternative solution. The alternative solution was that I could take an airplane out of Vietnam on Oct. 26, 1972. I was told I could leave the country. I also was told my life was threatened by Vietnamese. I was not worried about the threats. I was worried about safeguarding the independence of South Vietnam.

If you give us the same aid as the other side gives North Vietnam we would win.

If the Americans do not want to support us any more, let them go, get out! Let them forget their humanitarian promises!

No matter what we cannot accept, we are adults. We are going to continue to be insulted because Americans will not help us.

The Americans promised us—we trusted them. But you have not given us the aid you promised us. With that aid which you promised us, I would not be afraid of the Communists.

My resignation will let the United States give you aid and open the way to negotiations