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ON 24 MARCH 197Ø, THE MAIN OFFICE LNA BROADCAST A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO AN AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR. THE PRISONER, AN AIRPLANE PILOT WITH RANK OF FIRST LIEUTENANT IS NAMED ROBERT WHITE AND BELONGS TO THE SEVENTY-THIRD WITG. HIS AGE IS 39; HOME STATE IS ILLINOIS. TEXT OF THE STATEMENT INDICATES THAT HE WAS CAPTURED BY PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED FORCES TROOPS ON 15 NOVEMBER 1969 AFTER HIS PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OVER SOUTH VIETNAMESE TERRITORYJM THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT IS A STRONG DENUNCIATION OF AMERICAN ESCALATION OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM. IT STATES THAT THE WAR IS THE LONGEST AND MOST EXPENSIVE ONE IN HISTORY FOR THE U.S. FURTHERMORE, IT EXPRESSES THE VIEW THAT THE WAR HAS NO MEANING, THAT THE MAJOR- ITY OF AMERICANS OPPOSE IT, AND THAT IS PROLONGS THE LIFE OF THE DICTATORIAL REGIME IN SAIGON. WHITE'S STATEMENT REVEALS THAT HE IS IN DEEP SYMPATHY WITH THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT. IN CLOSING HE APPEALS TO READERS TO WORK FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM IN 197Ø. XXHH 24Ø
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