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US - LBJ COMMENTS ON VIETNAM, CSSR

NEW ORLEANS, SEPT 10, REUTER -- PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAID TODAY THAT RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEMILITARISED ZONE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM WAS CRITICAL TO VIETNAM PEACE.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID THE BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM ABOVE THE DEMILITARISED ZONE "WILL NOT RPT NOT STOP UNTIL WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL NOT RPT NOT LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN THE CASUALTIES WE SUFFER."

"THAT IS WHY WE HAVE PLACED SUCH EMPHASIS ON RE-ESTABLISHING THE DEMILITARISED ZONE AS AN EARLY STEP TOWARD PEACE," THE PRESIDENT SAID.

HE FLEW ESPECIALLY FROM WASHINGTON TO ADDRESS THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS MUNICIPAL HALL.

HE APPEALED TO THE LEGION "TO SUPPORT PEACE BY MAINTAINING STRENGTH, BY REFUSING TO SACRIFICE PRINCIPLE, BY STANDING AS FIRM AT HOME AS OUR MEN STAND ABROAD."

IN A BRIEF REFERENCE TO THE WARSAW PACT INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE PRESIDENT COMMENTED THAT THE EVENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE "MAKE IT CLEAR -- WITH THE FORCE OF STEEL -- THAT WE ARE STILL A LONG WAY FROM THE KIND OF PEACEFUL WORLD WE ALL WISH TO SEE."

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