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A Letter to Tông Bô V. M.

The mountain district SR, where committees for national salvation and V. M. have been formed, sent this letter to Tông Bô. Following is the full text:

We ~~are~~, members of Associations of Peasants, Women and Youth for national salvation, want to convey our greetings and gratitude to Tông Bô. For nearly 2 years, thanks to correct policy of the V. M., thanks to clear-sighted directives and witty leadership of Tông Bô, we have made progress in all fields. We have understood that:

1. Being the citizens of a lost country, we <sup>not only</sup> feel guilty to the fatherland, but also miserable in many ways. Before there was only the French enemy, our people had to suffer tremendous brutalities and barbarousities. Now came the Japanese enemy, our people are suffering from a double-yoke of domination <sup>increasing</sup> (heavy taxes, forced labour and conscription, shortage of even salt, oil, increasingly expensive necessities!

2. If our people want to live, to be <sup>liberated</sup> ~~free~~ from the barbarous chains of France-Japan, to be free and happy, equal to other peoples in the world, we should take the chance when Japan and France are weak to drive them out of our country!

3. Each citizen's duty to the country is to save the country, to make it independent and to defend the country.

4. In order to accomplish that duty, we must have strength which originates from the solidarity of the entire people. Therefore we have been trying to make propaganda and form organizations. By Jul. 9 lunar, the committees for N. S. and the V. M. of the district have been formed. We feel very happy. But we do not think that is enough, and we must try more to consolidate and develop further. On that, we have received help from Tông Bô, who has provided us with medals to be decorated as rewards,

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making cadres and members emulate with each other is working. We feel very moved and pledge to try our best to meet the expectations of the Tong Bo. We pledge: we will be completely loyal to the fatherland, to the organization; support and comply with Tong Bo; strive and sacrifice to the final victory!

We would like to chant: All people unite!

to fight France and Japan

Long live Independent Vietnam!

Long live Tong Bo Viet Minh!

(2) A good initiative to support the newspaper of some women.

(3) Domestic News

- On Sep. 22 <sup>all</sup> the provinces in Trung, Nam, Bac held ceremonies celebrating the Nghe An insurrection in 1930. Leaflets were spread, talkings and meetings were organized. Significance: 1) Giving rise to the significance of the celebration; 2) Citing the enemy's crimes; 3) Calling the people to unite and prepare for the insurrection.

- In Soc Trang, the French and Soldiers forced the peasants to pay more taxes!

(4) World News

Russia - Germany: Russia is still advancing on the central and northern fronts. Germany is retreating from some places on the southern front.

- Fighting in Stalingrad has lasted for 2 months, and Germany has still been unable to capture it.

- In this month the Russian planes have bombed Berlin 5 times and throughout Germany, Hungary and Austria.

Britain - Germany: British planes often attack Germany, France.

(5) Cadres Fall III.

(6) Supports to the Newspaper