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WASHINGTON, D.C., 25 JAN 72 -- When President Nixon took office, he said, in his inaugural, that history bestows the greatest credit on men who have helped to bring peace. Tonight's statement demonstrates how hard the President has worked in fulfillment of that standard. What tonight's statement shows is that we have all been wide of the mark in our consideration of the Vietnam issue, and that President Nixon, alone and at almost daily risk, has worked steadily to end the bloodshed and restore the peace in Indochina.

I know all Americans are proud of the President at this moment. And I know they share with me and him the hope that his announcement will speed the way to an earlier and just solution of the Vietnam war. It is essential that the needless and divisive debate which has racked this country for the past two years on this issue now be silenced.

It is clear to me - and I know it will be clear to everyone - that President Nixon farther than any of us would have a right to expect to end this war. Let us join with him now to finish that task.