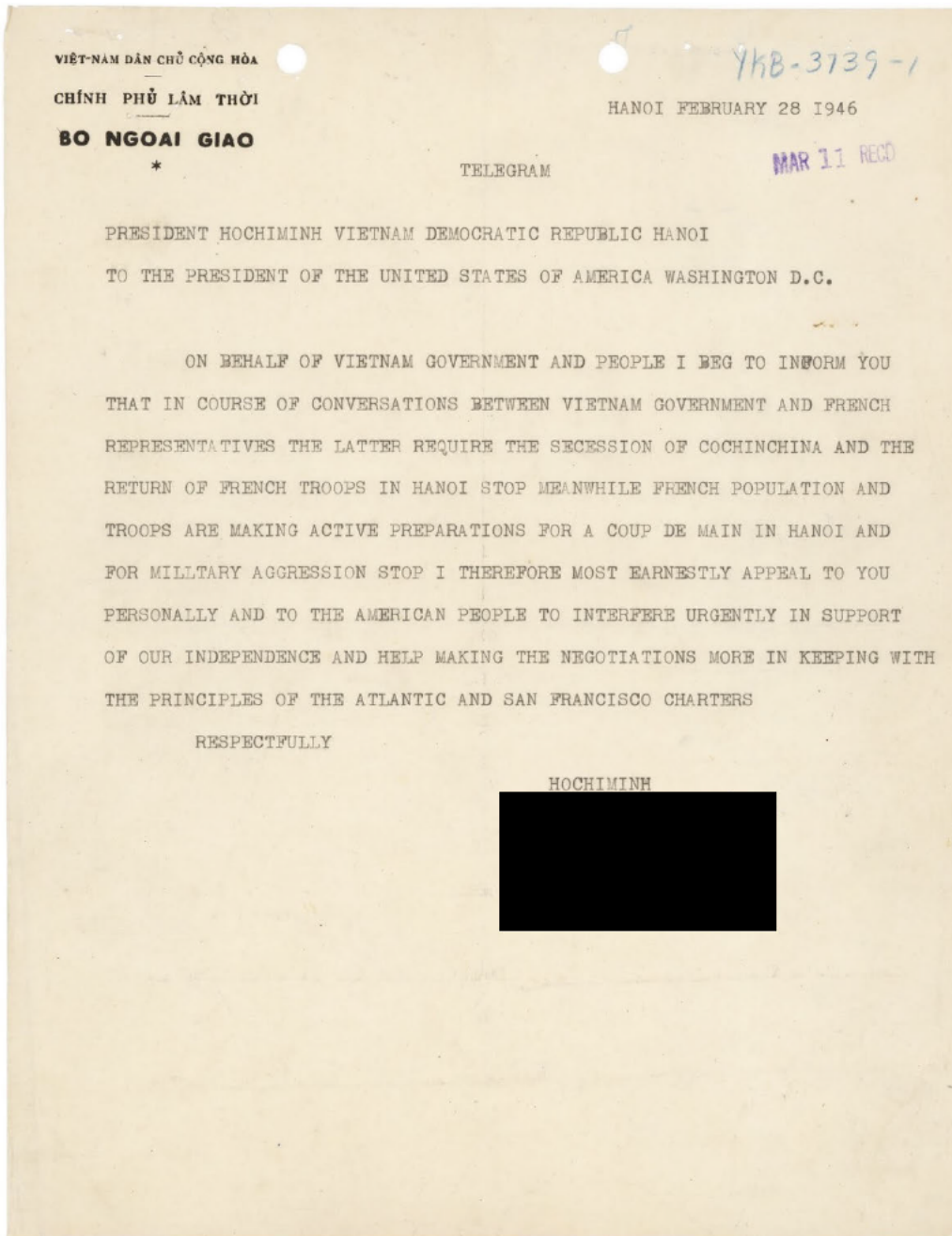


Submission

I was born and raised in the United States. Age 30 I immigrated to Australia (February, 1975). I became a naturalised citizen in 1977.

I was an anti-war campaigner in America because:

1. The public and most of the Congress did not know America bombed Cambodia and Laos.
 2. America could have had Vietnam in its sphere of influence.
- Ho Chi Minh worked in Boston as a young man.
 - Ho quoted from the *American Declaration of Independence* in his own independence speech.
 - Ho was a nationalist before he was a communist.
 - Ho, and most Vietnamese feared invasions from China. Ho and the Vietnamese did not want to be under a Chinese umbrella. Ho wanted to be under the American umbrella.
 - Attached is one of the many letters Ho wrote to American Presidents seeking help for the independence movement. The other letters can be viewed at: (www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon2/hochiminh).



Being an Australian citizen for 45 years I am horrified that the Prime Minister can make the decision to deploy troops overseas as happened in Malaya, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. The Prime Ministers did consult with people who were the Prime Ministers' appointees.

Before any Australians are sent overseas to fight or train others to fight, I want:

A final Decision made by the combined group (that would take only a day or so to gather together):

- **Cabinet**
- **Shadow cabinet**
- **All the independents in both houses of Parliament.**

- **Premiers of every State**

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PRESIDENT HOCHIMINH VIETNAM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HANOI
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WASHINGTON D.C.

ON BEHALF OF VIETNAM GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE I BEG TO INFORM YOU
THAT IN COURSE OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN VIETNAM GOVERNMENT AND FRENCH
REPRESENTATIVES THE LATTER REQUIRE THE SECESSION OF COCHINCHINA AND THE
RETURN OF FRENCH TROOPS IN HANOI STOP MEANWHILE FRENCH POPULATION AND
TROOPS ARE MAKING ACTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR A COUP DE MAIN IN HANOI AND
FOR MILITARY AGGRESSION STOP I THEREFORE MOST EARNESTLY APPEAL TO YOU
PERSONALLY AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO INTERFERE URGENTLY IN SUPPORT
OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AND HELP MAKING THE NEGOTIATIONS MORE IN KEEPING WITH
THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ATLANTIC AND SAN FRANCISCO CHARTERS

RESPECTFULLY

HOCHIMINH

