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U.S.-VIETNAMESE RETALIATORY STRIKES AGAINST VIETCONG AND REACTION THERETO, ESPECIALLY IN MOSCOW AND PEIPING, HAVE BEEN GIVEN STRAIGHT HEADLINE NEWS TREATMENT IN BRAZILIAN PRESS IN A WAY GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO UNITED STATES. EXCEPTIONS ARE NORMALLY UNFRIENDLY DAILIES ULTIMA HORA AND CORREIO DA MANHA WHICH ARE GIVING CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO QUOTATIONS FROM UNFAVORABLE COMMENT BY EUROPEAN LEFTIST AND COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS AND PERSONALITIES SUCH AS BERTRAND RUSSELL, ALTHOUGH OTHER BRAZILIAN PAPERS ARE REPRODUCING SOME SUCH COMMENT.

ON FEBRUARY 9, O ESTADO DE S. PAULO CARRIED EDITORIAL PRAISING UNITED STATES FOR HAVING GIVEN "APPROPRIATE RESPONSE" TO NORTH VIETNAMESE AGGRESSORS. PAPER SAID: "TRUMAN WAS SUBJECTED TO TEST OF STRENGTH IN BERLIN AND KOREA; EISENHOWER GOT HIS IN IRAQ AND IN CONGO; KENNEDY, IN THE GREATEST TEST OF ALL, WAS TRIED OUT IN CUBA. LYNDON JOHNSON IS BEING TESTED IN VIETNAM. ALL (U.S.) PRESIDENTS HAVE STOOD UP TO THESE TESTS BY GIVING IRREFUTABLE DEMONSTRATIONS NOT ONLY OF U.S. AND WESTERN MILITARY SUPERIORITY BUT ALSO, AND ABOVE ALL, OF THEIR SINCERE DEDICATION TO PEACE, NEVER TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEIR VICTORIES FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT IN PREJUDICE TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM..." GORDON

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