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Question: As you well know, President Ho, the people of the United States look upon communism as an evil force which should be resisted wherever possible. One reason the United States is involved in Vietnam is because it is thought that if it withdraws its forces from South Vietnam, the country would inevitably be unified under a communist government. But more than that, they feel that the whole of Vietnam would fall under the influence of China and would then not be able to develop as it wishes but only in a way that would further China's expansionist aims. So my question is: are you not already receiving great quantities of military aid from China? Would you perhaps not be ready to come to the conference table if it were not for pressure from China? And could you look easily upon the possibility of the whole of your country being dominated by an immensely more powerful country?

Answer: The capitalists hate communism, this is part of their class nature. As for the working people, they like communism, this is their class interest. No doubt, you know very well that to misrepresent communism to fool the people is a customary method of the U.S. imperialists' policy of aggression.

As for the relations between the Vietnamese people and the Chinese people, they have fraternal relations as close as the relations between lips and teeth. China's sympathy, support, and assistance to Vietnam are most valuable and effective.

China, like the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries, fully agrees with the line of struggle of the DRV Government and the NLFV. They wholeheartedly support the Vietnamese people's fight against the U.S. imperialist aggressors. All U.S. attempts to divide Vietnam and China and to divide the socialist countries are doomed to ignominious failure.

The above question shows that there are still many people in the West who do not understand that the close relations among the socialist countries are based on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

Question: President Ho, our time is almost out. You have heard of the protest movement in the United States and, judging by your newspapers here, I think the scope and influence of this movement is being greatly exaggerated here. The great majority of the people of the United States support President Johnson. I am not an American but have lived there for many years. I believe Americans are essentially a well-intentioned and humane people. Have you any special message you might like to send to the people of the United States?

Answer: As you have just said, the American people are essentially well-intentioned. That is why the great majority of the American people cannot support President L. Johnson's policy of aggression. I would like to tell the American people that the aggressive war now being waged by the U.S. Government in Vietnam not only grossly flouts the national fundamental rights of the Vietnamese people, but also runs counter to the aspirations and interests of the American people. This aggressive war also has besmeared the good name of the United States, the country of Washington and Lincoln. I wish to tell the American people about the determination of the entire Vietnamese people to fight the U.S. aggressors until complete victory. But with regard to the American people, we want to strengthen the relations of friendship.