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**JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON TALKS
BETWEEN A GOVERNMENT DELEGATION
OF THE SOVIET UNION
AND A DRV GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC DELEGATION**

November 25, 1968

During the past few days talks have taken place in Moscow between a Soviet Government delegation led by V. N. Novikov, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR and member of the CC CPSU, and a DRV Government economic delegation led by Le Than Nghi, member of the Political Bureau of the CC WPV and Deputy Prime Minister of the DRV.

The DRV delegation was received by L. I. Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CC CPSU, and A. N. Kosygin, member of the Political Bureau of the CC CPSU and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR. At the friendly talks views and information were exchanged on a large range of questions concerning the situation in Vietnam and the struggle waged by the Vietnamese people against US aggression, the further strengthening of fraternal co-operation between the USSR and the DRV, and other questions.

The Soviet Government delegation and the DRV Government economic delegation considered questions related to the further expansion of Soviet-Vietnamese co-operation and the rendering of Soviet economic and military assistance to the DRV. Also examined were questions connected with the realisation of earlier economic agreements between the USSR and the DRV; the successful fulfilment of these agreements was noted with satisfaction by the delegations.

The Soviet side reiterated that, true to the great principles of proletarian internationalism, the Soviet Union would continue siding with the Vietnamese people and extending to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam the necessary assistance in promoting its national economy and enhancing its defence capability.

On behalf of the Vietnamese people, the Workers' Party of Vietnam and the Government of the DRV, the DRV Government economic delegation expressed its sincere gratitude to the Soviet people, the CPSU and the Soviet Government for their extensive, invaluable and effective assistance in promoting the national economy and strengthen-

ing the defence capability of the DRV and for their massive fraternal support for the struggle against US imperialist aggression.

On November 25, 1968, as a result of the talks, the sides signed agreements on Soviet non-repayable economic and military assistance to the DRV, the granting of further long-term credits, trade between the USSR and the DRV in 1969, and documents on some other questions of Soviet-Vietnamese co-operation.

Under these agreements the Soviet Union will supply the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1969 with considerable quantities of food, oil products, vehicles, sets of equipment, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, chemical fertilisers, armaments, ammunition and other items and materials to strengthen the DRV's defence capability and promote its economic development.

The talks between the Soviet and DRV Government delegations, held in an atmosphere of fraternal friendship and understanding, were an important contribution to the further consolidation and development of Soviet-Vietnamese relations and to the militant solidarity between the peoples of the Soviet Union and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

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