



**MEETING IN THE CC CPSU
WITH THE NLFSV DELEGATION
TO THE PARIS TALKS**

December 16, 1968

A meeting with the official NLFSV delegation to the Paris talks was held in the CC CPSU on December 16. Those participating in this meeting were M. A. Suslov, member of the Political Bureau and Secretary of the CC CPSU, B. N. Ponomaryov, Secretary of the CC CPSU, Tran Buu Kiem, member of the Presidium of the CC NLFSV and Chairman of the Committee for Relations with Foreign Countries at the CC NLFSV, Tran Hoai Nam, Deputy head of the delegation and member of the CC NLFSV, Nguyen Van Tien, member of the delegation and member of the CC NLFSV, and Thi Zui Lien, member of the delegation and member of the NLFSV committee of the Diatin Do district of Saigon.

At the meeting, which was held in a cordial, comradely atmosphere, the envoys of the South Vietnamese people spoke of the courageous struggle waged by the patriots of South Vietnam against US imperialist aggression on the military front and of the new phase of the struggle in connection with the quadripartite talks in Paris.

Tran Buu Kiem, head of the delegation, stressed that the NLFSV was the genuine spokesman of the South Vietnamese people, that it had the wholehearted support and sympathy of the overwhelming majority of all strata of the population of South Vietnam, including the urban population, which was joining more and more actively in the struggle against US aggression, for the salvation of the homeland.

The NLFSV delegation expressed the firm confidence that with the support of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, and also of other forces of progress in the world, the Vietnamese people would go forward with the cause of the liberation of South Vietnam until final victory.

On behalf of the Presidium of the CC NLFSV and the people of South Vietnam, the delegation expressed profound gratitude to the CC CPSU, the Soviet Government and the Soviet people for their all-round and effective support of the just struggle waged by the South Vietnamese patriots.

M. A. Suslov and B. N. Ponomaryov congratulated the

delegation on the major successes secured by the Vietnamese people—the complete and unconditional cessation of the bombing of the DRV and the beginning of talks in Paris with the participation of NLFSV representatives—and emphasised that the Soviet Union would continue rendering its utmost support to the just struggle waged by the South Vietnamese brothers for the freedom and independence of their homeland. The Soviet people wholeheartedly subscribed to the political programme of the NLFSV and the Statement of the CC NLFSV of November 3, 1968 on the political settlement of the South Vietnamese problem, which demanded the withdrawal from South Vietnam of all troops of the USA and its satellites and the dismantling of all US military bases in South Vietnam, and envisaged the formation of a national democratic coalition government, the creation of an independent, democratic, peaceful, neutral and flourishing South Vietnam, and progress towards the country's peaceful unification.

Taking part in the talks were:

From the Vietnamese side—Dang Quang Minh, Chief Permanent Representative of the NLFSV in Moscow; from the Soviet side—R. A. Ulyanovsky, Deputy Head of the International Department of the CC CPSU, and N. P. Firyubin, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the USSR.

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