



TELEGRAM
TO DR. NGUYEN HUU THO, PRESIDENT,
PRESIDIUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT
OF SOUTH VIETNAM

On behalf of the Soviet people and from us personally we send you, the Central Committee of the NLF and the embattled people of South Vietnam our warmest congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the 8th anniversary of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam.

The establishment of the National Liberation Front was an event of historic importance in the development of the heroic liberation struggle of the people of South Vietnam. Under NLF leadership the people of South Vietnam have achieved immense successes in their sacred struggle against the armed intervention of the US imperialists and their Saigon puppets. The NLF's political programme of struggle for independence, democracy, peace and neutrality has the wholehearted support and approval of all South Vietnamese patriots and has won wide international recognition.

The glorious victories of the heroic Vietnamese people in the North and the South and the determined support for the just cause of Vietnam from the Soviet Union, other socialist countries and the whole of progressive mankind have compelled the USA to halt the bombing of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

The Soviet Union subscribes to and backs the just and constructive stand of the DRV Government and the NLFSV aimed at reaching a political settlement of the Vietnam problem. The Soviet people hold the firm view that a settlement in Vietnam must conform to the principles of the 1954 Geneva Agreements, that it must be founded on the withdrawal of US troops from South Vietnam and respect for the Vietnamese people's right to decide their own affairs without foreign interference, as envisaged in the NLFSV political programme.

Soviet people emphatically denounce the US aggression in South Vietnam. They are filled with admiration for the courage and staunchness of the South Vietnamese patriots and express their solidarity with the Vietnamese people, who are fighting for the freedom and independence of their homeland.

Guided by the principles of proletarian internationalism, the CPSU, the Soviet Government and the Soviet people firmly and consistently support the South Vietnamese patriots in their selfless struggle against imperialist aggression.

We cordially wish the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam and the South Vietnamese people further successes in their struggle for independence, democracy, the unification of their homeland, for the right to decide their own affairs.

Long live friendship and solidarity between the Soviet and Vietnamese peoples.

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