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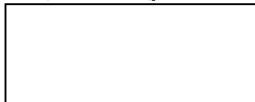
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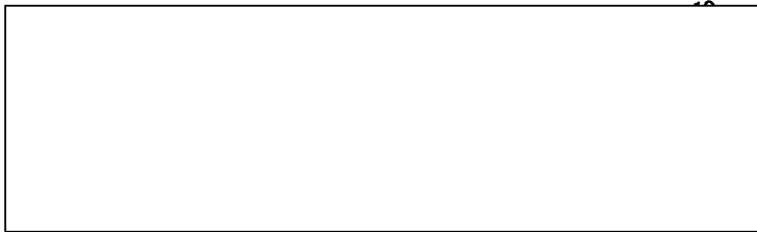


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USSR-VIETNAM-CHINA: Soviet Show of Support

[redacted] two Soviet naval task groups recently moved into the Gulf of Tonkin. An amphibious landing ship and several warships left Cam Ranh [redacted] after participating in the first amphibious assault exercise the Soviets have carried out there. The other task group is composed of the Kiev-class aircraft carrier Minsk and two accompanying ships. [redacted]

[redacted] the Chinese are monitoring these unusual deployments with their own ships in the Gulf. The Vietnamese Defense Minister and a high-level military delegation [redacted] will arrive in Moscow on Monday. [redacted]

Comment: These Soviet measures are likely to be intended to show support for Vietnam in response to increased tensions along the Sino-Vietnamese border. The two Soviet task groups probably will join and may conduct another amphibious exercise near Haiphong. [redacted]



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