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KIRILENKO, KATUSHEV MEET WITH LE DCU THO

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(TEXT) POLITBURO MEMBER AND SECRETARY OF THE CPSU
CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMRADE KIRILENKO, AND SECRETARY OF THE CPSU
CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMRADE KATUSHEV, TODAY RECEIVED POLITBURO
MEMBER AND SECRETARY OF THE VIETNAM WORKERS PARTY AND SPECIAL
ADVISER TO THE DRV DELEGATION AT THE PARIS TALKS ON VIETNAM
COMRADE LE DUC THO, WHO IS IN MOSCOW EN ROUTE FROM PARIS TO
HOME.

QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
STRUGGLE OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WERE DISCUSSED IN A FRIENDLY

COMRADE LE DUC THO STRESSED THAT THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ARE FULLY DETERMINED TO CONDUCT THE STRUGGLE ON THREE FRONTS: THE MILITARY, POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC; FOR GENUINE PEACE; AND FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM OF THEIR HOMELAND. COMRADE LE DUC THO EXPRESSED SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOR THE CONSTANT AND EFFECTIVE AID TO FIGHTING VIETNAM.

ON THE SOVIET SIDE, RESOLUTE SUPPORT WAS EXPRESSED FOR THE HEROIC STRUGGLE OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT PUT FORWARD BY THE DRV GOVERNMENT AND THE PRGRSV. THE EXCALATION OF THE BARBARIC BOMBING OF NORTH VIETNAM BY THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE AND THE MINING AND BLOCKADE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PORTS WERE CONDEMNED.

THE SOVIET UNION WILL CONTINUE TO RENDER ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID AND MORAL-POLITICAL SUPPORT TO THE FRATERNAL VIETNAMESE PEOPLE RIGHT UP TO THE COMPLETE VICTORY OF THEIR JUST CAUSE.

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