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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

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SUBJECT

ACCOUNT OF CRITICISM OF SOVIETS BY NORTH VIETNAMESE

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THE USSR IS

BLACKMAILING THE AMERICANS BY SAYING THAT IF IT DOES NOT GET WHAT IT WANTS,

5 IT WILL SEND MORE SUPPORT TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. REPLIED THAT ONE

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2 THING IS CERTAIN: "WE CAN NOT HAVE ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE AMERICANS, AND

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WE WILL NOT GIVE THE USSR THE CHANGE TO ACT AS A NEGOTIATOR

FOR US WITH THE AMERICANS." [REDACTED] THE

SITUATION IN NORTH VIETNAM DIFFERS FROM THAT OF CUBA IN THE PAST

IN THAT NORTH VIETNAM IS MORE INDEPENDENT AND THEREFORE DOES NOT

NEED TO UNMASK THE REAL MOTIVATION BEHIND THE NEW SOVIET OFFERS

OF SUPPORT FOR NORTH VIETNAM. [REDACTED] COMMENT. [REDACTED] MAY HAVE

MEANT THAT THE CUBANS, BECAUSE OF THEIR GREATER DEPENDENCE ON THE

USSR, HAD TO MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN THE USSR AND CHINA, WHEREAS

NORTH VIETNAM CAN AFFORD TO BE MORE INDEPENDENT, ACCEPTING AID FROM

BOTH THE USSR AND CHINA.)

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2. [REDACTED] A LEADER OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION

[REDACTED] ALSO SAID THAT IF HE WERE TO ACT AS A DOGMATIC ANTI-

REVISIONIST, HE WOULD BLAST THE MOTIVATION BEHIND THE SOVIET OFFER

OF AID AND THE AID WOULD THEN BE CUT OFF COMPLETELY. HOWEVER, THE

NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION LEADER SAID THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE

NOT GOING TO UNMASK THE SOVIETS, AND THAT WHAT [REDACTED] WAS HEARING WAS

PURELY INTERNAL CRITICISM.

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3. [REDACTED] DISSEM. CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC [REDACTED]

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