

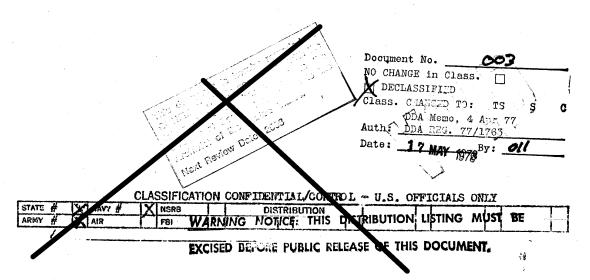
Kom, alias Huong, has been observed entering the house of Aleksei Andreyevich Panteleimonov at 67 Sathorn Road on two occasions about dusk.

(Washington Comment. As far as it is known, this is the first indication of established contact between a representative of the Viet Minh in Bangkok and the Soviet Legation. Although Panteleimonov's status in the Legation has not been completely clarified, he is reported to be the Soviet Commercial Attache and is acting as such although his office is in his home and not located on the premises of the Legation. See for a report on Panteleimonov's trip to Phuket to investigate tin purchases in Siam. For previous information on Kom, acting head of the Bangkok Tong Bo and one of the most important Viet Minh personalities in Bangkok, see

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Bangkok, after attempting to see Soviet Legation representatives was reported in as saying that further attempts on his part would be indiscreet and that he would send a less conspicuous emissary to make the contact. This report was dated March 1948.)



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