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LE DUC THO PASSES THROUGH PEKING, MEETS-WITH-CHOU EN-LAI

Chou Meeting

Peking NCNA International Service in English 1606 GMT 8 Sep 72 B

[Text] Peking, September 8, 1972 (HSINHUA) -- Chou En-lai, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and premier of the State Council, and Chang Chun-chiao, member of the Political Bureau of the CCP Central Committee, this afternoon met and had a very cordial and friendly conversation with Le Duc Tho, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Vietnam Workers Party and special adviser to Minister Xuan Thuy, head of the delegation of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to the Paris conference on Vietnam.

Present at the meeting were Nguyen Tien, charge d!affaires ad interim of the DRV Embassy here, and Nguyen Van Quang, ambassador of the Republic of South Vietnam to China.

Present were Keng Piao, member of the CCP Central Committee and head of the International Liaison Department of the CCP Central Committee, Han Nien-lung, vice-foreign minister, and Liang Feng, deputy director of the Asian Affairs Department of the Foreign Ministry

After the meeting, Comrade Chang Chun-chiao gave a banquet in honour of Le Duc Tho and other Vietnamese comrades.

Comrade Le Duc Tho arrived in Peking from Hanoi by special plane at noon today on his way to Paris.

He was welcomed at the airport by Comrades Chang Chun-chiao, Han Nien-lung, Shen Chien, Liang Feng, Mao Pao-chung and Hsiao Huang.

Present were Nguyen Tien and Nguyen Van Quang.

Sihanouk Meeting

Peking NCNA International Service in English 1930 GMT 8 Sep 72 B

[Text] Peking, September 8, 1972 (HSINHUA) -- Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia, at his official residence this afternoon received and had and had a cordial and friendly conversation with Le Duc Tho, member of the Political Bureau of of the Central Committee of the Vietnam Workers Party and special adviser to Minister Xuan Thuy, head of the delegation of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to the Paris conference on Vietnam.

Nguyen Tien, charge d'affaires a.i. of the DRV Embassy to China, was also present.

Departure for Paris

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[Text] Peking, September 9, 1972 (HSINHUA) -- Le Duc Tho, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Vietnam Workers' Party and special adviser to Minister Xuan Thuy, head of the delegation of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to the Paris conference on Vietnam, left here for Paris by special plane this morning.

He was seen off at the airport by Chang Chun-chiao, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Han Nien-lung, vice-foreign minister, Shen Chien, a leading member of the International Liaison Department of the CCP Central Committee, and leading members of departments concerned Liang Feng, Hsiao Huang and others.

Also present were Nguyen Tien, charge d'affaires ad interim of the DRV Embassy here, and Nguyen Van Quang, ambassador of the republic of South Vietnam to China, and others.

MESSAGE, EDITORIAL, BANQUET MARK DPRK NATIONAL DAY

Mao, Chou Message

Peking NCNA International Service in English 1200 GMT 8 Sep 72 B

[Text] Peking, September 8, 1972 (HSINHUA)--Comrade Mao Tsetung, chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Comrade Tung Pi-wu, acting chairman of the People's Republic of China, Comrade Chu Te, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, and Comrade Chou En-lai, premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, today sent a message to Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Comrade Choe Yong-kon, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, extending the warmest congratulations on the 24th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The full text of the message reads:

Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers' Party and premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,

Comrade Choe Yong-kon, president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Pyongyang:

On the occasion of the 24th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, we extend the warmest congratulations to the Korean Workers' Party, the Korean Government and the fraternal Korean people on behalf of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese Government and people.

The history of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea since its founding twenty-four years ago has been replete with fighting and victories. Under the wise leadership of the Korean Workers' Party headed by Comrade Kim II-song, the heroic Korean people have won great victory in the fatherland liberation war of Korea against U.S. imperialist aggression and scored splendid achievements in socialist revolution and socialist construction. Holding high the anti-imperialist revolutionary banner, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea firmly supports the just struggles of the people of all countries and her international prestige is rising higher daily. The Korean people's heroic mettle of defying brute force and daring to struggle and their revolutionary spirit of working hard for the prosperity of the country through self-reliance are a great inspiration to the Chinese people and the revolutionary people of all countries.