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## ● Arrival in Peking

The delegation of the PRG of the Republic of South Viet Nam led by Law-  
yer Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the  
Presidium of the Central Committee of  
the South Viet Nam National Front for  
Liberation, President of the Advisory  
Council of the RSVN PRG, arrived in  
Peking on November 18 afternoon for  
an official friendship visit to China.

The Chinese capital was gaily decorated  
as on a festive day to welcome the  
South Vietnamese comrades-in-arms.

The *Jenmin Ribao* and other papers  
frontpaged portraits of Chairman  
Mao Tse-tung and President Nguyen  
Huu Tho and editorials "warmly  
welcoming the close comrades-in-arms  
from South Viet Nam".

At the richly decorated Peking airport,  
flags of the Republic of South Viet Nam  
and China fluttered in front of the pas-  
senger-hall. Over 5,000 representatives  
of the Peking population in their festive  
costumes gathered at the airport to  
welcome the delegation.

Present at the airport on the Chinese  
side were Chou En-lai, Vice-Chairman  
of the Central Committee of the Com-  
munist Party of China, Premier of the  
State Council; Li Teh-sheng, Vice-  
Chairman of the CPC CC, Director of  
the General Political Department of the  
PLA; Chang Chun-chiao, member of the  
Standing Committee of the Political  
Bureau of the CPC CC; Li Hsien-nien,  
Politburo member of the CPC CC, Vice-  
Premier of the State Council; Teng  
Hsiao-ping, member of the CPC CC,  
Vice-Premier of the State Council; Ngapo  
Ngawang-Jigme, Vice-Chairman of the  
Standing Committee of the National  
People's Congress; Wu Teh, Politburo  
member of the CPC CC, Secretary of  
the CPC Peking Municipal Committee,  
Chairman of the Peking Municipal Re-  
volutionary Committee; Chi Peng-fei,  
member of the CPC CC, Minister of  
Foreign Trade; Fang Yi, member of the  
CPC CC, Minister of Economic Rela-  
tions with Foreign Countries; Hsiao  
Ching-kuang, member of the CPC CC,  
Vice-Minister of National Defence; and  
leading members of the departments  
and branches concerned.

Also present were Sarin Chhak, Foreign  
Minister of the Royal Government of  
National Union of Cambodia, DRVN  
Ambassador to China Ngo Thuyen,  
Counsellor of the RSVN embassy Tran  
Binh, the Ambassadors and Charges  
d'Affaires of various countries in Pek-  
ing and large numbers of pressmen.

At 14.00 p.m., the special plane carry-  
ing President Nguyen Huu Tho and  
the members of the delegation touched  
down at the airport. Premier Chou En-  
lai together with other Chinese Party  
and State leaders, Foreign Minister Sa-  
rin Chhak of the Royal Government of  
National Union of Cambodia and DRVN  
Ambassador Ngo Thuyen, went over to  
the ramp and warmly greeted the guests.

The official march of the Republic of  
South Viet Nam "Liberate South Viet  
Nam" and the Chinese anthem were  
struck up, opening the welcoming ce-  
remony.

Premier Chou En-lai led the guests to  
review an honour guard of the navy,  
army and air force of the Chinese Peo-  
ple's Liberation Army.

Then President Nguyen Huu Tho,  
Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh and  
other delegates together with the Chinese  
Party and State leaders warmly greeted  
the representatives of the Peking popu-  
lation of all walks of life and shook  
hands with the diplomatic envoys.

Chinese popular art troupes jubilantly  
performed songs and dances and the  
airport resounded with hurrahs greeting  
the representatives of the heroic South  
Vietnamese people.

Tens of thousands of Peking people  
lining along Chang An Avenue and at  
Tien An Men Square warmly cheered the  
Vietnamese comrades-in-arms. The mo-  
torcade drove slowly in a forest of flags  
and amid thunderous cheers and enthu-  
siastic praising the militant friendship  
which is both a "comradeship and bro-  
therhood" between the Vietnamese and  
Chinese peoples, and the resounding  
exploits of the South Vietnamese people  
and armed forces in their great anti-US  
struggle for national salvation.

# Chairman Mao Tse-tung receives President Nguyen Huu Tho

Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, received Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the SVN NFL and President of the Advisory Council of the RSVN PRG, and Nguyen Thi Binh, member of the Central Committee of the NFL and RSVN Foreign Minister at Chungnanhai Monday afternoon November 19.

Taking part in the reception were Premier Chou En-lai, Vice-Chairman of the CPC Central Committee and Premier of the State Council; Li Teh-sheng, Vice-Chairman of the CPC Central Committee; and Chang Chun-chiao, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

RSVN Ambassador Nguyen Van Quang was on hand.

President Nguyen Huu Tho and Mme. Nguyen Thi Binh came to Chairman Mao's Residence in the company of Premier Chou En-lai. They were greeted at the gate by Li Teh-sheng and Chang Chun-chiao.

The reception proceeded in an atmosphere of fraternal friendship between the peoples of China and Viet Nam. Chair-

man Mao cordially shook hands with the Vietnamese guests and expressed warm welcome to President Nguyen Huu Tho at the head of the delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam on an official friendly visit to China.

President Nguyen Huu Tho said: "In accordance with President Ho Chi Minh's will and the desire of the South Vietnamese people, we have come to China to thank Chairman Mao, the Chinese Party, Government and people for the support and assistance given to the Vietnamese people in their struggle against US aggression and for national salvation. We always bear in mind Chairman Mao's statement 'The 700 million Chinese people provide a powerful backing for the Vietnamese people. The vast expanse of China's territory is their reliable rear area'."

Chairman Mao said: "We should support you, with everything in our power. We should also thank you people of South Viet Nam, because you have fought many years."

Present at the meeting were also Assistant Foreign Minister Wang Hai-jung as well as Lian Feng and Tang Wen-sheng.

## ● President Nguyen Huu Tho and Premier Chou En-lai hold talks

Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation, President of the Advisory Council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, and head of the RSVN PRG delegation now visiting China, on November 18 held talks with Premier Chou En-lai.

The talks proceeded in a most cordial and friendly atmosphere.

Taking part in the talks on the RSVN side were delegation members Nguyen Thi Binh, Le Quang Chanh, Nguyen Van Quang and Ho Xuan Son.

Taking part in the talks on the Chinese side Chi Peng-fei, Han Nien-lung, Lu Wei-chao.

20,000 representatives of the Peking population on November 19 evening held a grand meeting to welcome the RSVN PRG delegation led by Lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, now on an official visit to China.

Wu Teh, Chairman of the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee, in his welcome speech, warmly greeted the great victory of the Vietnamese people in their anti-US struggle, for national salvation and their present struggle for the defence of the gains of the resistance, for the consolidation and building of the liberated areas and for the maintenance of peace in Viet Nam.

He highlighted the indestructible friendship and solidarity between China and Viet Nam. "Now as in the past we unswervingly support the just struggle of the South Vietnamese people, the correct position taken by the DRVN Government and the RSVN PRG in the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and sternly condemn the criminal sabotage of the Agreement by the Saigon administration," he stressed, adding:

"We firmly believe that however frenziedly the reactionary forces may engage in sabotage and whatever trouble they may foment, they cannot stop the victorious march of the South Vietnamese people in their revolutionary cause. A peaceful, independent, democratic and prosperous South Viet Nam will surely emerge."

On behalf of the participants in the meeting, Wu Teh presented the RSVN PRG delegation with an embroidery bearing the inscription: "Long live the great friendship and the militant solidarity between the peoples of China and Viet Nam."

Speaking at the meeting, President Nguyen Huu Tho conveyed to the Chinese people the fraternal greetings and the intimate feelings of the people, the National Front for Liberation and the PRG of the RSVN.

He warmly praised the brilliant achievements of the Chinese people in their liberation and national construction cause, and wished them ever greater accomplishments in the cause of socialist revolution and socialist construction, in order to make still greater contributions to the struggle of the world's people against imperialism, old and new colonialism, for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress.

"The South Vietnamese people and the RSVN PRG unreservedly support the Chinese people's struggle for the liberation of Taiwan, a sacred and inseparable territory of the People's Republic of China, and firmly believe that this just struggle will win complete victory," he stressed.

Dealing with the present situation in South Viet Nam, President Nguyen Huu Tho sternly denounced the US and the Saigon administration for their systematic and serious violation of many important provisions in the Paris Agreement, which is making the situation in South Viet Nam ever more strained.

President Nguyen Huu Tho went on: "The struggle of the South Vietnamese people to demand strict and full implementation of the Paris Agreement is still facing many difficulties and obstacles put up by the

US and the Nguyen Van Thieu's administration. However, the South Vietnamese people are completely confident in their just and bound-to-win cause. With the wholehearted assistance from their kith and kin in the North, with the strength of militant solidarity of the three Indochinese peoples, and with the vigorous support and allround big assistance from China, the other socialist countries, the nationalist countries, the Non-Aligned countries, and our friends in the whole world, the struggle of the South Vietnamese people will be crowned with brilliant victory."

President Nguyen Huu Tho presented the Peking population with an embroidery bearing the words "Long live the great friendship and militant solidarity between the peoples of South Viet Nam and China!"

During his visit to Kwangchow, President Nguyen Huu Tho called on Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea and Head of State of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Princess Monique Sihanouk, and Prime Minister Penn Nouth.

He was accompanied by Mrs Nguyen Thi Binh, RSVN Foreign Minister and Nguyen Van Quang, RSVN Ambassador to China.

The meeting took place in a very cordial atmosphere of solidarity and friendship.

President Nguyen Huu Tho, Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh, and Ambassador Nguyen Van Quang also paid a visit to Queen Kossamak.

## Agreement on China's gratuitous economic aid to RSVN signed

A ceremony for signing the Agreement on the People's Republic of China's gratuitous economic aid to the Republic of South Viet Nam for 1973 was held at the Great Hall of the National People's Congress on the evening of November 20, 1973.

RSVN Foreign Minister Mme Nguyen Thi Binh and Chinese Minister for Foreign Trade Li Chiang signed the Agreement, on behalf of their Government.

President Nguyen Huu Tho and members of the RSVN PRG delegation were present at the ceremony.

Vice-Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Li Hsien-nien attended.

Present at the ceremony on the Chinese side were also Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei, Minister for Economic Relations with Foreign Countries Fang Yi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Han Nien-lung, Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of South Viet Nam Wang Jo-chieh, Director of the Asian Affairs Department of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs Lu Wei-chao, and other officials concerned.

RSVN Ambassador to China Nguyen Van Quang and DRVN Ambassador Ngo Thuyen were also on hand.

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An RSVN China Joint Communiqué was signed in Peking on November 21, 1973 marking an official friendship visit to the People's Republic of China by the Delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam headed by President Nguyen Huu Tho. The text of the Joint Communiqué follows:

**A**T the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, the delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam led by Lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation and President of the Advisory Council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, paid an official friendly visit to the People's Republic of China from November 18 to 23, 1973.

During the visit, the delegation toured the capital, Peking, as well as the cities of Tientsin and Canton and came into friendly contact with the broad masses of Chinese workers, people's commune members, officers and men of the People's Liberation Army and representatives of people from all walks of life. The delegation was accorded everywhere a warm welcome and cordial reception by Chinese Party and Government leaders at various levels and the Chinese people. The delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam is sincerely thankful for the noble sentiments shown to them.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung met with President Nguyen Huu Tho, and they had a most cordial and friendly conversation.

The two sides held talks on further strengthening the friendly relations and cooperation between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of South Viet Nam, the present situation in South Viet Nam and issues of common interest.

The talks proceeded in a most warm and friendly atmosphere and were permeated throughout with the revolutionary sentiments of "both comrades and brothers."

The Republic of South Viet Nam side expresses its admiration and warm praise for the great achievements attained by the Chinese people in socialist revolution and socialist construction.

In the past twenty four years, the industrious and valiant Chinese people, under the leadership of the glorious Chinese Communist Party headed by respected and beloved Chairman Mao Tse-tung have consistently carried forward their glorious revolutionary tradition, displayed the spirit of self-reliance, firm determination, hard work, and building the country with diligence and thrift, and transformed the semi-feudal and semi-colonial old China into a socialist country with a modern industry, an all-round developed agriculture, mighty national defence and advanced culture, science and technology.

These achievements of the Chinese people have contributed positively to the strength of the peoples of the world in their struggle for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress and continuously raised the international standing of the People's Republic of China.

The South Vietnamese people greatly rejoice at the great achievements scored by the Chinese people and sincerely wish that the fraternal Chinese people, inspired by the Tenth National Congress of the Communist Party of China, will win still greater successes in socialist revolution and socialist construction, so that the People's Republic of China will advance in big strides along the road of prosperity and happiness.

The Republic of South Viet Nam side resolutely supports the Chinese people in their struggle for the liberation of Taiwan province, inalienable sacred territory of the People's Republic of China, and is convinced of the complete victory of this struggle.

The South Vietnamese people take great pride in having the great Chinese people as their close comrades-in-arms and brothers. In the past war against US aggression and for national salvation and the present extremely arduous and complicated revolutionary struggle, the South Vietnamese people have always received enormous and effective support and assistance from the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese Government and people. This assistance rendered with a full measure of fraternal sentiments was an important contribution to the Vietnamese people's historic victory and is an encouragement for the South Vietnamese army men and people to further accomplish their glorious tasks in the new stage.

In fulfilment of the sacred behest of the great leader of the Vietnamese people, respected and beloved President Ho Chi Minh and in compliance with the desire of the South Vietnamese people, the delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam expresses heartfelt and profound thanks to the great leader of the Chinese people, respected and beloved Chairman Mao Tse-tung, to the glorious Chinese Communist Party, the Government of the People's Republic of China, and the heroic Chinese people for their sincere and invaluable assistance.

The Chinese side warmly hails the great victory won by the South Vietnamese people in their war against US aggression and for national salvation under the leadership of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam.

The signing of the Agreement on Ending the War and Restoring Peace in Viet Nam, which recognizes the Vietnamese people's fundamental national rights and the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination, was a great victory won by the entire Vietnamese people holding high the banner of President's Ho Chi Minh's call for "Firm resolve to fight and win" and persevering in a protracted people's war. It was also a victory for the united struggle of the three Indochinese peoples and a common victory for the people all over the world.

The victory of the Vietnamese people's war against US aggression and for national salvation not only marks a new chapter in the history of Viet Nam's struggle for national liberation. It greatly inspires the oppressed nations and peoples fighting for independence and freedom, constituting a valuable contribution to, and setting a brilliant example in, the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle of the peoples of the whole world.

The Chinese side notes with pleasure that the correct stand of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam in striving for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the preservation of peace in South Viet Nam has won strong sympathy and support among the peoples of the whole world. The Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, which is the sole authentic representative of the South Vietnamese people, is enjoying an ever higher international standing and prestige.

The Chinese side is firmly convinced that the fraternal South Vietnamese people, under the leadership of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, will surmount all difficulties and obstacles and win even greater victories in their struggle to build a peaceful, independent, democratic, neutral and prosperous South Viet Nam and proceed to the peaceful reunification of their country.

The Republic of South Viet Nam side has given information on the situation in South Viet Nam since the signing of the Paris Agreement, pointing out that the violations of some vital provisions of the Agreement by the United States and the Saigon administration have brought about a very grave situation in South Viet Nam. The Republic of South Viet Nam side reiterates that it is its consistent position to thoroughly respect and scrupulously implement the Paris

Agreement and the Joint Communiqué of June 13, 1973 and resolutely demand that the Saigon administration and the United States act in the same way.

The Chinese side highly appraises the unremitting efforts of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam for the thorough implementation of the Paris Agreement and points out emphatically that the Chinese Government and people firmly support the South Vietnamese people in their just struggle for the realization of the Vietnamese people's fundamental national rights and the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination as well as the consolidation of the fruits of victory of their war of resistance, and firmly support the six-point proposal and the other reasonable propositions for the settlement of the internal affairs of South Viet Nam put forward by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam in the spirit of national reconciliation and concord.

Both sides condemn the acts in contravention and violation of the Paris Agreement committed by the Saigon administration with the support and connivance of the United States. The Saigon administration must immediately stop all its nibbling operations, cease bombing and strafing areas controlled by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, return all the civilian personnel illegally detained by it and ensure the South Vietnamese people all democratic rights and freedoms. The United States should shoulder its unshakable responsibility for the implementation of the Paris Agreement, which it has signed. The South Vietnamese people are entitled to take all resolute measures to check the Saigon administration's violations of the Paris Agreement, protect the life and property of the people, defend the liberated areas and uphold the Paris Agreement on Viet Nam.

Both sides consider that at present, the situation in Indochina is undergoing great changes more and more favorable to the revolutionary struggles of the three Indochinese peoples.

Both sides are highly pleased that, under the leadership of the National United Front of Cambodia with Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk as its Chairman and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia with Samdech Penn Nouth as its Prime Minister and Mr Kieu Samphan its Deputy-Prime Minister, the heroic Cambodian people have won tremendous victories in their struggle against US aggression and for national salvation. They firmly support the five-point Declaration made by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk on March 23, as well as the solemn and just stand taken by the National United Front of Cambodia and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia for the settlement of the Cambodian question. The US government must stop its support for the traitorous Lon Nol clique and its interference in the internal affairs of Cambodia. The Cambodian question should be settled by the Cambodian people themselves free from foreign interference.

Both sides warmly hail the great victory won by the heroic Lao people in their struggle against US aggression and for national salvation under the leadership of the Lao Patriotic Front with Prince Souphanouvong as its Chairman, warmly welcome the signing of the Vientiane Agreement on Restoring Peace and Achieving National Concord in Laos and the Protocol to the Agreement, and resolutely support all the efforts of the Lao Patriotic Front and the Alliance of Patriotic Neutralist Forces in Laos for the thorough realization of national concord and proceeding to the building of a peaceful, independent, neutral, democratic, unified and prosperous Laos.

Both sides consider that, at present, the international situation is continuing

to develop in a direction favorable to the revolutionary struggle of the people of the world. Countries want independence, nations want liberation, and the people want revolution.

This has become an irresistible trend of history. Both side voice their resolute support to the struggle of the people Arab countries, of the Asian, African and Latin American countries, and of the whole world against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism, zionism and imperialist hegemony, and for peace, national independence, democracy, and social progress.

Both sides note with satisfaction that the great friendship and militant unity between the Chinese and Vietnamese peoples, which have stood the test of protracted revolutionary struggles, are growing stronger and developing continuously. The gratuitous economic assistance agreement for 1974 concluded between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam is a most vivid expression of the good relations between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of South Viet Nam. Both sides pledge to further strengthen their mutual support and cooperation and endeavour to foster this great friendship and close militant unity so that they will be unbreakable and everlasting.

Both sides are glad that the complete success of the official friendly visit to the People's Republic of China by the delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam led by Lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and President of the Advisory Council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, has made an important contribution towards further strengthening the friendly relations between the peoples of China and South Viet Nam.

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## PRG Delegation in official visit to socialist countries

A delegation of the RSVN Provisional Revolutionary Government has left the Republic of South Viet Nam for official friendship visits to a number of socialist countries at the invitation of the Governments of these countries.

The delegation is headed by Lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, President of the Presidium of Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and President of the Advisory Council

to the RSVN PRG.

The farewell ceremony was formally organized on its departure at the liberated zone in the presence of President Huynh Tan Phat and many ministers of the PRG, members of the Advisory Council, members of the Central Committees of the NFL and the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces and representatives of mass organizations and the People's Liberation Army.

## PRG's Delegation to visit the PRC

A delegation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam headed by Lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, Chairman of the Presidium of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation Central Committee and President of the Advisory Council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, has left the liberated zone to pay an official friendship visit to the People's Republic of China.

The Delegation comprises:

— Mrs Nguyen Thi Binh, member of the South Viet Nam NFL Central Committee and Foreign Minister,

— Mr Le Quang Chan, member of the South Viet Nam NFL Central Committee and Foreign Minister,

— Mr Nguyen Van Quang, member of the South Viet Nam NFL Central Committee and RSVN Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the People's Republic of China,

— Mr Ho Xuan Son, member of the Secretariat of the South Viet Nam NFL Central Committee and head of the Presidential Department,

Accompanied the Delegation were also Messrs Nguyen Nhu, head of the Second Department of the Foreign Ministry and Le Trung Nam, deputy-head of the Protocol Department of the Foreign Ministry and several cadres.