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LE DUC THO LEAVES PARIS FOR HOME VIA MOSCOW, PEKING

Paris Departure

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[Text] Hanoi VNA October 14--Le Duc Tho, special advisor at the Paris conference on Vietnam, left Paris for home Friday. He was seen off at the airport by Minister Xuan Thuy, Minister Nguyen Thi Binh, DRV General Delegate in France Vo Van Sung, Director of the PRGRSV Information Bureau Pham Van Ba, President of the Union of Vietnamese Residents Huynh Trung Dong, the Soviet and Chinese ambassadors in France, and Ok Sakun, head of the delegation of the National United Front of Kampuchea in France.

Moscow Visit

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[Text] Moscow (VNA, 15 October 1972)--Comrade Le Duc Tho, member of the Political Bureau, secretary of the VWP Central Committee, and special adviser to the DRV delegation to the Paris conference on Vietnam, stopped over in Moscow on his way from Paris to Hanoi.

During his stay in Moscow, he was received by Comrade M. Suslov, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, and by Comrade K. F. Katushev, secretary of the CPSU Central Committee. Comrade Le Duc Tho told them of the Vietnamese people's struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors on the military, political, and diplomatic fronts.

The Soviet side emphasized the CPSU and the Soviet Government's firm and invariable policy aimed at rendering all-round assistance and support to the heroic Vietnamese people. The Soviet side firmly condemned the U.S. militarists' acts of aggression against the DRV, including the U.S. aerial bombardment of Hanoi. The talk took place in a fraternal and cordial atmosphere.

Also participating in the talk were on the Soviet side Comrades O. B. Rakhmanin, first deputy chief of the foreign liaison section of the CPSU Central Committee; and N.P. Firyubin, deputy foreign minister. On the Vietnamese side were the DRV ambassador to the Soviet Union [remainder of item indistinct].

Peking Visit

For the Peking NCNA International Service account of the Peking meeting between Chou En-lai and Le Duc Tho at which Chou denounced U.S. bombing of the DRV, Le Duc Tho's meeting with Sihanouk and Le Duc Tho's departure from Peking, see the International Affairs section of the 16 October People's Republic of China DAILY REPORT.