

## **September 19, 1970**

### **Discussion between Zhou Enlai and Pham Van Dong**

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#### **Summary:**

Zhou Enlai asks Pham Van Dong to stop sending students to Europe, opting for education by Chinese teachers in Vietnam instead; he also praises recent Vietnamese diplomacy.

#### **Original Language:**

Chinese

#### **Contents:**

Translation - English

ZHOU ENLAI AND PHAM VAN DONG

Beijing, 19 September 1970

Zhou Enlai: We think that it is better to train your students in Vietnam than sending them to Europe because the ways of life there are different. The young people will be influenced by other ideas, which will make it difficult for us when they return. Therefore, you should not send them abroad. We can send our teachers to Vietnam for their education.

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Zhou Enlai: As we observed, you have gained experience from the diplomatic struggle. We have read the report by comrade Huang Chen about his meeting with comrade Nguyen Thi Binh and read the speech given by her. We see that comrade Nguyen Thi Binh is very sharp. We also have read the report of the meeting between comrades Huang Chen and Xuan Thuy on secret contacts between the latter and Kissinger. The last reply by comrade Xuan Thuy is very good and humorous. I then told our cadres in the Foreign Ministry that such a good deed could only be gained from diplomatic practice.