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**TELEGRAM 066.808 from the Romanian Embassy in
Pyongyang to the Romanian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs**

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Summary:

The Romanian Embassy in Pyongyang reports that, for a second time in 1978, the DPRK has published excerpts critical of the USSR from the Chinese press.

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To: the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (to comrade Deputy Foreign Minister Constantin Oancea; to comrade Director Vasile Sandru)

From: the Romanian Embassy in Pyongyang

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We would like to inform you that the August 1st issue of Nodong Sinmun newspaper, under the title 'We must increase our vigilance and prepare for war', is publishing ample excerpts from the article with the same title published in the 8th issue of the Chinese newspaper The Red Flag, signed by the Chinese Defense Minister.

[The following remarks were published]: 'the forces which can trigger a world war are the USSR and the US', 'the hegemonic position of US imperialists weakened, while the USSR morphed from a socialist country to a social-imperialist country,' 'the USSR is on the offensive while the US is on the defensive in their struggle for the division of the world [into spheres of influence,]'etc.

We would like to add that it is the second time this year that the Korean press published [excerpts] from the Chinese press whose contents criticize the USSR.

We will continue to look into this matter.

Signed
Victor Nanu