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**Draft Telegram to Hanoi Soviet Ambassador on
Instructions for Meeting with Pham Van Dong**

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Summary:

Telegram to Soviet Ambassador in Hanoi instructing to meet with Pham Van Dong and inform him of Soviet position on agreement between Democratic Republic of Vietnam and France against the United States in South Vietnam.

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HANOI
SOVIET AMBASSADOR

34I. Visit cde. Pham Van Dong and inform him of the following:

In our opinion, the preliminary analysis of the Vietnamese friends regarding the conclusion of an agreement between the DRV and France in order to create a broad anti-American front in South Vietnam in the interests of carrying out general elections in July 1956 are in principle, correct. In pursuing these goals, the government of the DRV could express readiness to guarantee to the French that they would be able to maintain their economic and cultural interests in South Vietnam and that their companies would continue unrestricted activity in Vietnamese territory, as governed by the laws of the DRV and agreements concluded between the DRV and France.

As far as questions such as the establishment of a federation that would unite the DRV and South Vietnam along with the continuing presence of their differing political regimes, the question of preserving in South Vietnam some part of the French expeditionary force for a certain period, advise the Vietnamese friends to return to these questions at a stage when, in the course of negotiations, the French position on the conditions for agreement becomes fully apparent. We are guided on this matter by that fact that the French themselves, as is clear from Pham Van Dong's report, are not raising the question of political and military concessions.

In connection with this question, inquire as to what concrete measures the Vietnamese friends propose to carry out and in what order.

Telegraph the results of the meeting.

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