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### **Telegram #982 from K. Novikov to V. M. Molotov**

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#### **Summary:**

Telegram discussing statements of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Pham Van Dong, regarding critique of Ngo Din Diem.

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To Cde. V. M. MOLOTOV

In the statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Pham Van Dong, addressed to you and A. Eden, regarding the breach by the governments of the United States and South Vietnam of the Geneva agreement on armistice in Vietnam, and in its attached memorandum from the Vietnam People's Army High Command, delivered on 5 December of this year to the International Commission on Observation and Inspection in Vietnam, the statements of mass organizations of the DRV, expressing protest against the intrigues of the USA in South Vietnam and against the government of Ngo Dinh Diem, as well as in the reports of the DRV Information Agency, the government of Ngo Dinh Diem is always characterized as a "clique," "a puppet clique," "cohorts of American imperialists," "accomplices of American imperialism," "lackeys of American imperialism," and "Ngo Dinh Diem's clique, composed of agents of American interventionists."

Noting that the Geneva conference has adopted a decision to carry out general elections in Vietnam in July 1956, which stipulates that in this respect there will be consultations "between competent representative authorities of both zones, beginning 20 July 1955," as well as the possibility of intrigues on the part of the USA, whose interest is to deteriorate mutual relations between the DRV and South Vietnam, I think it would be sensible to carefully recommend to the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam not to resort to any types of epithets with respect to both Ngo Dinh Diem and his government.

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