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**Cable from Zhou Enlai, 'Regarding Pham Van Don's  
reply to Eden'**

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**Summary:**

Zhou Enlai write Mao Zedong, Liu Shaoqi, and report to the CCP Central Committee, regarding Pham Van Dong's reply to Eden and the issue of transporting wounded soldiers from Dien Bien Phu.

**Original Language:**

Chinese

**Contents:**

Translation - English

Chairman [Mao Zedong], Comrade [Liu] Shaoqi, and report to the Central Committee:

Regarding the question of transporting wounded soldiers, after the exchange of letters between Bidault and Molotov, Eden wrote to Pham Van Dong on the 15th, conveying to him the letter by Bidault, and asking Pham to make another statement about this matter at the session of the 17th. Pham wrote Eden on the 17th, making it clear that "it is appropriate that the concrete problems that are possible to be raised during the process of transporting wounded soldiers from Dien Bien Phu to be resolved on site." He also agreed that Ambassador Zhang [Wentian] may read Pham's letter at the session of the 17th.

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