

Report from Minister of Foreign Trade for free armament delivery to North Vietnam, 22

June 1968

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TO THE PRIME MINISTER

Comrade Todor Zhivkov

REPORT

from Ivan Budinov,  
Minister of foreign trade

REFERENCE: Approval of Protocol for rendering free military aid to the  
Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1969

Comrade Prime Minister,

Based on Resolution № 187, dated 15 May 1968, by Politbureau of the  
Central Committee of BCP, negotiations were held in Sofia in the second half of  
May with the government economic delegation of the Democratic Republic of  
Vietnam to render free military aid in 1969.

A protocol was signed on 3 June 1968, to render free military aid for 6  
350 000 roubles, in accordance with which the People's Republic of Bulgaria will

deliver to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam military, technical and other equipment, specified in enclosures to the Protocol.

The free aid for 1969 includes additional aid for 1968 at the amount of 1 773 000 roubles, rendered to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in accordance with Resolution № 146, dated 10 April 1968, by the Council of Ministers.

Part of the equipment shall be provided from stockpiles in the Bulgarian army, another part shall be ensured with the production plan in 1969.

In relation to the above mentioned, I propose to the Council of Ministers to approve the following

RESOLUTION:

1. To approve the Protocol, signed in Sofia on 3 June 1968, between the government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to render free aid to the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1969.
2. Military, technical and other equipment, specified in the enclosed list, shall be ensured with the plan for 1969, excluding item 1, which shall be supplied from the stockpiles of the Bulgarian army and be replenished with machine guns AK-47 in 1970.
3. Funds, necessary to pay for the military, technical and other equipment, in compliance with the enclosed list, as well as transportation expenses, shall be provided by the Ministry of foreign trade with the plan for 1969 and 1970.
4. The Foreign Ministry shall arrange for transportation of the equipment through the territory of the Chinese People's Republic.

ANNEXES:

- Protocol – 3 pages
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MINISTER: [Ivan Budinov]

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