

Report from Minister of Foreign Trade for free armament delivery to North Vietnam,  
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TO  
Prime Minister  
Comrade TODOR ZHIVKOV

R E P O R T

From Ivan Budinov – Minister of foreign trade

REFERENCE: Approval of protocol to render military aid to the  
Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1968

COMRADE PRIME MINISTER,

On the grounds of CC BCP Politburo Protocol No. 280 from 26 July 1967, in the second half of August in Sofia was held negotiations with a governmental economic delegation of Democratic Republic of Vietnam for rendering of free military aid in 1968.

On 30 August 1967 a Protocol for rendering free military aid at amounts of 4 800 000 rubles was signed. According to the Protocol, People's Republic of Bulgaria will deliver to Democratic Republic of Vietnam special equipment, indicated in the attached Lists.

A part of this equipment will be taken from the available Bulgarian Armed Forces storages, while the rest will be provided by the export plan for 1967 and production plan for 1968.

Besides, I report that during the negotiations the Vietnamese delegation requested the provided anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons and medicines to be sent until the end of 1967, in order to be used in the dry season. There exist opportunities to satisfy this request.

In regard to the reported I suggest the Council of Ministers to approve the follows

**RESOLUTION:**

1. To approve the protocol, signed on 30 August 1967 in Sofia, between the government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to render assistance to the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1968,

2. Special equipment, specified in Enclosure 1, shall be taken from the stockpiles of the Bulgarian people's army.

The Ministry of people's defense shall prepare the equipment and organize its transportation to the Bulgarian border – Rouse.

3. Special and other equipment, specified in Enclosure 2, shall be ensured with the 1968 plan, the equipment in items 1 and 2 shall be taken from the export plan in 1967 – 1<sup>st</sup> destination, and the funds for payment amounting to 2 185 000 leva shall be provided by the Ministry of foreign trade, Directorate "State reserve" for 1967.

4. Special equipment, taken from the stockpiles of the Bulgarian army, shall be replenished to the Ministry of defense from production and import in 1968 and 1969 with products, specified in Enclosure 3.

5. Funds, necessary to pay for the equipment in Enclosures 2 and 3, as well for packing and transport, shall be provided by the Ministry of foreign trade with the plan for 1968 and 1969.

6. Equipment from Enclosure 1 and items 1 and 2 in Enclosure 2 shall be sent to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam by the end of 1967.

7. The State planning commission shall provide in 1967 to the Ministry of defense the necessary packing materials.

8. The Ministry of transport shall provide in 1967 the necessary carriages to transport the equipment.

9. The Foreign Ministry shall settle the issue of transportation of equipment through the territory of the Chinese People's Republic.

10. The State planning commission and the Ministry of finance shall make changes in the plan, referring to this resolution.

ANNEXES:

- Protocol – 8 pages
- Lists No. 0973, 0974, and 097 – 3 pages

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*[Translated by Greta Keremidchieva]*