Council of Ministers Resolution No. 162 for free arms aid to North

Vietnam, 10 August 1962

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RESOLUTION No. 162 By the COUNCIL OF MINISTERS 10 August 1966

REFERENCE: Rendering additional free aid and long term loan to Democratic Republic of Vietnam

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ORDERS:

1. To grant the Democratic Republic of Vietnam assistance of 5.6 million roubles, including 2.6 million roubles special equipment, as well as additional long-term credit at the amount of 3 million roubles in 1967.

2. To oblige the Minister of foreign trade to hold negotiations and sign on behalf of the government of Bulgaria with the government of DR Vietnam a credit agreement and agreement for rendering assistance within the amounts, specified in Item1. The goods, specified in the enclosed list, shall be taken as basis during negotiations. The Minister of foreign trade is authorized, during negotiations, in coordination with the State planning commission, to make changes depending on requests by the Vietnamese side and our capabilities to meet them.

3. Expenses for purchase of goods and special equipment, as well as for packing and transportation, shall be covered from the government reserve; and

foreign currency expenses for transportation from the Bulgarian to the Vietnamese border shall be covered by "Transport operations of foreign currency plan".

4. Special equipment, to be taken from the stocks of the Ministry of defense, or from the current plan for 1966-1967, as well as what has been imported for the army, shall be replenished in 1967-1968 by the Ministry of foreign trade – Engineer Department. For this purpose, the State planning commission and the Ministry of finance shall plan the necessary foreign currency and budget funds for the Ministry of foreign trade.

5. To oblige the respective ministries and institutions to prepare timely and in appropriate packing the items to be exported to DR Vietnam in accordance with the agreements.

6. On the basis of the agreements signed, the State planning commission and the Ministry of finance shall make corrections in the economic plan.

Sofia, August 1966

For Prime Minister [Ivan Mihailov]

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