

Report from Minister of Foreign Trade for free delivery to Vietnam in 1970,
26 November 1969

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Ministry of Foreign Trade

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PRIME MINISTER
COMRADE TODOR ZHIVKOV

R E P O R T

From Lachezar Avramov – Minister of foreign trade

REFERENCE: Approval of protocol for rendering free aid to the
Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1970

COMRADE PRIME MINISTER,

On the grounds of Resolution No. 381 of the Economic Coordination Committee from 18 October 1969, in the beginning of November were held negotiations with a governmental economic delegation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam for rendering free military aid in 1970.

On 5 November 1969 in Sofia was signed a Protocol for rendering free military aid at amounts of 5 800 000 rubles, according to whom People's Republic of Bulgaria will deliver to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam military and technical equipment, indicated in the enclosed list.

The equipment has been assured with the plan for 1970.

After the signing of the Protocol the Vietnamese side expressed a request for changing, when possible, the meat-vegetable and vegetable canned food with meat and fish cans, at the same value.

In accordance with the above I suggest the Council of Ministers to approve following

RESOLUTION

1. To approve the Protocol, signed in Sofia on 5 November 1969, 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 Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1970.
2. To give permission to the Ministry of foreign trade, when possible, to exchange meat-vegetable and vegetable canned food with meat and fish cans, at the same value.
3. The funds for military technical and other equipment and transportation expenses, included in the Republican budget for 1970, to be transferred by the Ministry of finance to the Ministry of foreign trade.
4. The Foreign Ministry shall settle the issue of transportation of equipment through the territory of the Chinese People's Republic.

ANNEXES:

1. Protocol – 3 pages
2. List No. 01146

MINISTER: [Lachezar Avramov]

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