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Mr. President:

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You will wish to read this intelligence report from a source previously [REDACTED] It suggests:

- Bombing of the North is having its effect; and
- The Soviet Union may be reducing its aid to Hanoi.

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"1. [REDACTED] point of view on the Vietnamese war remains unchanged; i. e., that North Vietnam alone must try to put an end to the conflict through negotiations. However, officially [REDACTED] will continue to support the North Vietnamese position.

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"2. In a recent exchange [REDACTED] the North Vietnamese said the [REDACTED] views with regard to finding a peaceful solution to the conflict through negotiations if the United States discontinued bombardment, had been taken into account. The North Vietnamese, however, claimed that every time the United States made some statements in this direction the U.S. also intensified military actions in the field, and as a result a dialogue could not be started.

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"3. In the same exchange between [REDACTED] the North Vietnamese informed the [REDACTED] that the situation in North Vietnam is becoming increasingly bad, the economy of North Vietnam is destroyed, and the help received from Socialist countries is poor. Furthermore, the Soviet Union has decreased considerably military materiel aid to North Vietnam. In connection with the North Vietnamese accusation that the Soviets have decreased their aid, the [REDACTED] government knows that the Soviet Union has used up all the old stocks of war materiel which she gave as aid to North Vietnam, and that she does not want to give any of the newer materiel and equipment and is using the pretext that the North Vietnamese do not know how to handle and use them."

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