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**Record of Conversation between L. I. Brezhnev and
N. Ceausescu on 7 March 1968**

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Summary:

A record of a conversation in which Brezhnev and Ceausescu discuss whether or not to say that the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty will only be signed once the United States ends its actions in Vietnam. Brezhnev advises not to raise the issue, while Ceausescu claims that it must be stated in order to advance a solution towards disarmament.

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CLASSIFIEDRECORD OF CONVERSATION

of Cdes. L.I. Brezhnev and N. Ceaușescu in Sofia.

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Conversation took place on 7 March of this year prior to the evening session of the Political Consultative Committee.

N. Ceaușescu said that he wants to consult with L.I. Brezhnev on whether or not during the discussion of the Vietnam document at the PCC session he should suggest to include in the text of the Declaration on the Threat to Peace Caused by the Expansion of American Aggression in Vietnam, the provision that "the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty will not be signed until the American aggression in Vietnam ceases."

L.I. Brezhnev responded that he doubts that putting forward such a proposal is advisable because it has no chance of being accepted at the PCC session.

N. Ceaușescu informed at the same time that he agrees that a mention needs to be made in the PCC Session Communique of the need to continue efforts aimed at solving the issue of disarmament.

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