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Zhou Enlai's Talk with Ion Gheorghe Maurer, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Romania, in Beijing

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Summary:
Excerpt from the talk in which Zhou Enlai explains that China remains opposed to peace negotiations to end the Vietnam War.

Original Language:
Chinese

Contents:
- English Translation
1. On the issue of Vietnam, the Chinese and Soviet positions are absolutely opposite and united action is out of the question. 2. In time negotiations will be inevitably held on the Vietnam question, but the key issues are on what conditions and at what time should negotiations be conducted, and who decides the terms and timing of negotiations. The decision on negotiations lies in the DRV. 3. For those people who were asked by the Soviet Union and the United States to go to the DRV to exert pressure, we have allowed them to pass through China so long as the DRV has extended them invitations. But there is one exception: if U Thant wants to go to the DRV, we will think about whether to let him pass through China. As to the passage of aid-Vietnam materials through China, we will act according to agreements. On this issue there is no possibility of united action.