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Secret Telegram from Rapacki (Warsaw) to Jaszczuk (Moscow)

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Summary:
Cable from Adam Rapacki to Boleslaw Jaszczuk in Moscow describing to him a conversation between Polish and the North Vietnamese officials in Warsaw.

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Warsaw, 15 February, 1963

1689 15.II.63 at 12:10 hours

MOSCOW-JASZCZUK

Your conversations with Gromyko and Andropov:

We [Poles] hope that it is clear to them [Soviets] that:

1) We did not insinuate anything to the [North] Vietnamese, except only to make them aware that the matter [was] important, even though we rejected the first American proposition.\[1\]

2) We were careful all the more since [the North Vietnamese] Ambassador [in Warsaw Tran Chi Hien] immediately accentuated, with his entire honesty, the differences of the views within the Party.\[2\]

We limited ourselves to taking notes, asking his position and listening to his long arguments, which we considered “symptomatic, but not conclusive.”

[Deciphered on] 15.II.63 at 13:00 hours

/-/ Rapacki

\[1\] It is not clear what American proposition Rapacki refers to here.

\[2\] It is not clear what Rapacki refers to here, but, most likely, the allusion is to differences over the Sino-Soviet split and the advisability of pursuing an armed struggle even at the risk of an escalated conflict with the Americans.