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Summary:

Mao Zedong advises Nguyen Thi Binh to continue with negotiations.

Original Language:

Chinese

Contents:

Translation - English

MAO ZEDONG AND NGUYEN THI BINH[1]
Beijing, 29 December 1972

Mao Zedong: We belong to the same family. The North (Vietnam), the South (Vietnam), Indochina, and Korea, we belong to the same family and support each other.

If you succeed in the [Paris] negotiations, not only South Vietnam but also North Vietnam may reach normalization to a certain extent with the Americans. Now, some so-called “Communists” say that you should not negotiate, and that you should fight, fight for another 100 years. This is revolution; otherwise, it is opportunism.

...

During the Cultural Revolution, all under heaven was in disorder. A faction controlled power, and set fire and burned the British consulate. These bad guys belonged to the Lin Biao faction. Behind them was Lin Biao.

[1] This meeting was held during the heavy US “Christmas bombing” of Hanoi and Haiphong. On the Chinese side, Zhou Enlai and Ji Pengfei were present.