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Summary:

Mao Zedong makes suggestions as to the course for action after the signing of the Paris Agreements.

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MAO ZEDONG AND LE DUC THO

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Mao Zedong: Before we received Nixon in China, we had conflicting opinions on strategy. Some said that you should find ways to bind the hands of the US. Some said that you should conduct a protracted warfare strategy. I myself advocated large-scale battles because large-scale battles can cause heavy losses to the enemy, forcing him to accept solutions.

I also think that after the Paris Agreements have been signed you need at least six months to stabilize the situation in South Vietnam [and] to strengthen your forces.