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Following Embassy translation of item in "confidential" column June 18 issue Sihanouk's weekly Neak Chiet Niyum (The Nationalist):

"We learn from a reliable source that on 30th May last the Soviet Government addressed to the British Prime Minister, who is Co-President of the Geneva Conference on Indochina [sic], a Note from the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam (DRVN) which complained of the ever more critical situation in South Viet-Nam. This situation results from the growing increase by the USA of the number of its military advisors in South Viet-Nam which is contrary to the provisions of the Geneva Accords. The Soviet Government requested the British Government to consider the appeal of the DRVN for a careful study of the agreements between the US and South Viet-Nam and to intervene with the US Government so that it would withdraw its troops which are occupying South Viet-Nam, this occupation being contrary to the principles of the Geneva Accords for a cease-fire in Indochina. In reality these Accords should assure peace and security in Viet-Nam and Southeast Asia.

"At the same time, we learn that the Soviet Government expressed its sincere congratulations to the RKG and especially to Prince Sihanouk for our courageous struggle during difficult times to maintain national independence. The Soviet Government and people had noted with interest the obstacles overcome by the RKG and Monseigneur and assured them again of the friendship and assistance without reservations of the USSR." (END UNCLASSIFIED) (BEGIN OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: The ambiguity of the first paragraph may be deliberate, implying sympathy with the Soviet and DRVN position regarding the MAAG in South Viet-Nam. This is the first report of the receipt by the RKG of any assurance of support by the USSR, and it is more vaguely worded than the general assurances given Cambodia by Chou En-lai during his visit early last month of Chinese Communist aid should Cambodia be attacked. However, the reference may be merely to a reiteration of the unconditional nature of Soviet aid given the RKG to date (the new hospital). The nature of the

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Soviet message is uncertain, but its existence appears probable since mention of it appears in this semi-official Cambodian -language weekly. Any further information which becomes available on this reported message will be forwarded promptly.

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