

## **July 13, 1971**

### **Discussion between Zhou Enlai and Le Duan**

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#### **Summary:**

Vietnamese tactics against the US during negotiation.

#### **Original Language:**

Chinese

#### **Contents:**

Translation - English

ZHOU ENLAI AND LE DUAN[1]

Hanoi, 6:30 p.m., 13 July 1971

Le Duan: In the war of aggression against Vietnam, the US goes from one surprise to another. Until the withdrawal of troops is completed, Nixon will be unable to expect what surprise is next. So the visit of Kissinger is designed to forestall these surprises.

[1] Premier Zhou Enlai flew to Hanoi right after seeing Kissinger off at the airport. This is presumably a small portion of the talk between Zhou Enlai and Le Duan on Kissinger's visit to China.