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**TELEGRAM 066.812 from the Romanian Embassy in
Pyongyang to the Romanian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs**

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Summary:

The editor-in-chief of Nodong Sinmun apologizes for including an excerpt from the Chinese press that criticizes the USSR and says that the DPRK position towards the USSR has not changed.

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To: the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (to comrade Deputy Foreign Minister Constantin Oancea; to comrade director Vasile Sandru)

From: the Romanian Embassy in Pyongyang

Date: August 7th, 1978

To continue our telegram no. 066.808, we would like to inform you:

On the evening of August 2nd, the Soviet Chargé d'affaires ad interim to the DPRK, B. K. Pimenov, was invited to a meeting at the headquarters of Nodong Sinmun newspaper with respect to the summary published in the August 1st issue of that newspaper of the article 'We must increase our vigilance and prepare for war', taken from the 8th issue of the Chinese magazine 'The Red Flag.' During the meeting, a deputy editor-in-chief explained that the inclusion of the aforementioned material by Nodong Sinmun was the result of a regrettable mistake committed by an editor of the Korean Central Telegraphic Agency; [the deputy editor-in-chief said] that the DPRK did not change in any way its position towards the USSR. He expressed his conviction that the Korean-Soviet friendship and cooperation will not suffer [from this incident]. The editor-in-chief apologized for the incident.

The aforementioned events were reported to V. Nany on August 5th, by A. Belyi, the first secretary of the Soviet Embassy, on the occasion of a casual meeting.

Signed
Victor Nanu