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Summary:

The Embassy of Hungary in North Korea reveals that Ambassador Le Dong believes China, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and North Korea ought to unite in order to combat American imperialism.

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On my request, Le Dong, the ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to Pyongyang, visited me on November 18. [...] He expounded the following:

According to the Vietnamese standpoint, the main enemy is American imperialism, the United States of America, and not Japanese militarism, as Sihanouk declared in Pyongyang. To achieve its aims, the USA is using the militarist circles of West Germany and the militarist circles of Japan as its right hand in Europe and Asia, respectively. The Vietnamese, on their part, do not overestimate the growth of Japanese militarism, but they do not underestimate it either. They pay great attention to the growth of the forces of Japanese militarism, because such phenomena do exist in Japan. The Vietnamese, on their part, carefully study this issue. In their opinion, the revival of Japanese militarism can be prevented only by the cooperation of all socialist countries, the progressive forces of the world, and the progressive forces existing in Japan, and not by the cooperation of the five countries [China, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and North Korea].

It is the Chinese, the Koreans, and Sihanouk who want to establish the bloc of five countries. The Vietnamese government does not agree with this. The Laotian comrades agree with the Vietnamese standpoint. [...] Sihanouk's statements are determined by the place where he lives. The bloc of the five countries cannot be established without, and against the will of, the Vietnamese and the Laotian people.

[...]

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