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Summary:

Vietnam and North Korea request information and maps about Taiwan from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Agree. Please have the North America and Oceania Division [of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs] research and prepare [this].

[...]

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The embassies of Vietnam and [North] Korea in China put forth requests to our country [China] separately on 12 September and 15 September for us to provide materials on Taiwan. The Vietnamese embassy also requested that we send them maps of Taiwan and other nearby islands. The Embassy of [North] Korea also hopes that we can provide some materials on Hong Kong and Macao. They said that this information is being sought by the embassy for reference in its research on the situation in the region.

According to Section 1 of the North America and Oceania Division, they wrote some reference materials on Taiwan in the past. It is requested that the North America and Oceania Division decide whether or not these materials can be provided to the embassies of Vietnam and [North] Korea. At present materials on Hong Kong and Macao do not need to be provided. Please instruct whether or not the above opinions are correct.

Wang Shikun

Secretary Tuân of the Vietnamese Embassy today came to the Ministry and raised this question again, stating that right now, in order for Vietnam to better coordinate with China's struggle, the core of the embassy's research work concerns the situation in the Taiwan area. The embassy has collected some public information, but feels it is insufficient and hopes that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs can provide some [additional materials]. Is this appropriate[?]

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