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**Letter from the Secretary of State of the Republic of  
Vietnam to Lt. General Choi Duk Shin**

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The South Vietnamese Secretary of State writes to Choi Duk Shin, expressing his country's desire to establish diplomatic relations with South Korea.

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