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Summary:

This telegram reports on the status of Sino-Soviet relations, as well as Sino-Japanese relations in light of an upcoming visit of the Japanese foreign minister to the Soviet Union.

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Secret Telegram from Moscow to Warsaw, No. 11132 October 13, 1972 Urgent To Comrade Roszczak (Comrade Nowak sends the dispatch regarding the following): This is based on the conversation between Kowalczyk and Kapitsa – the director of the Far Eastern Department on October 10: 1) The Sino-Soviet talks have been in an impasse for some time now. The attempts to muffle the mutual criticism failed. On the first of this month, the Chinese press published an article in which they are saying for the first time that “The Soviet Union is China's greater enemy than imperialism.” They consider Zhou Enlai to be the main architect of this course. There is relative calmness on the border... 2) Recently, the Soviet Union provided the DRV with an increased aid. They gave them some of the most modern weapons which the Vietnamese are using skillfully. 3) The visit of Japan's foreign minister in the Soviet Union at the end of October will take place on the initiative of the hosts and earlier than it had been planned. The Soviets will surely use this opportunity not to take up any territorial matters during the talks. The Japanese wish to inform the Soviets about their talks in Beijing and at the same time to clear the international speculation claiming that it is the anti-Soviet blade which constitutes the foundation for normalization in Sino-Japanese relations. According to Kapitsa, the conditions to enter into a treaty with Japan have not yet matured. The visit is to be exploited by the hosts mainly to discuss the development of economic cooperation and to consult on a plan for bilateral trade exchange. [Received by Foreign Minister Olszowski and the highest official with the Foreign Ministry and the CC PUWP International Department].