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Letter dated 5 December 1980 from the Permanent Representative
of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-
General

I have the honour to forward herewith the note dated 3 December 1980 addressed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China on the Vietnamese proposal to resume the third round of talks between Viet Nam and China in Hanoi during the second half of 1980, and kindly request Your Excellency to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 50 and 119, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) HA VAN LAU
Permanent Representative
of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
to the United Nations

ANNEX

N O T E

SENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

On March 6, 1980, in the Note sent by the Chinese Foreign Ministry to the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry, the Chinese side unilaterally called off the Sino-Vietnamese talks while saying that the third round of the talks might begin at a time to be decided by the two parties in the second half of 1980.

In the Notes of March 3 and September 12, 1980 of the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry to the Chinese Foreign Ministry, the Vietnamese side has clearly expressed its attitude to the continuation of talks between the two countries and has advanced concrete proposals about the timing of the third round of the talks. However, the Chinese side has categorically rejected these constructive proposals and has not honoured its undertaking to hold the third round in the last six months of 1980. Obviously, it is entirely due to the Chinese side that the Sino-Vietnamese talks to resolve problems concerning the relations between the two countries have not yet resumed.

As 1980 is almost at an end, the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry requests that the Chinese Foreign Ministry scrupulously demonstrate a clear attitude toward the Chinese proposal of March 6, 1980, namely that the third round of talks be held in Hanoi during the second half of 1980. The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry requests a prompt reply.

Hanoi, December 3, 1980.
