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Dear Mr. Feldman:

It appears, from your letter, that you are only an occasional reader of TMO. I say this, because had you taken note of the editorials and other articles in TMO, you would have known that Mandel's article by no means expressed my views, but their virtual opposite. And it is precisely because of this that I am willing to publish your article. However, I would have to insist on a number of deletions. These deletions have nothing to do with my opinions, as is shown by the fact that even what I do propose to include contains many a significant point with which I vehemently disagree. What I propose to delete are things for which I feel could not be made a plausible, expert case. For example, I think that to talk of the Soviet desire to conquer China, or in fact even of such an American desire, is utter nonsense. This plainly and physically could not be done. It is much more plausible that China's enemies are merely interested in arresting her staggering development.

Also, I feel that the analogy with the Stalin-Hitler pact is absolutely unfair, especially since taken out of context it omits the historic circumstances in which the Soviet Union was absolutely forced into such a pact by the West's readiness to conclude one with Hitler at Russia's expense. (See The Cold War and Its Origins by D. F. Fleming.) Accordingly I also propose to change the title of the article, but the replacement I suggested, "Vietnamese Cross-Alliances," does not convince me and I am still groping for something better.

Anyway, here enclosed is an edited version, as I am ready to publish it. I will appreciate it if upon receiving it, you will telephone me to approve or disapprove of this version being published.

Sincerely,

M. S. Arnoni

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