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CIA says Soviet war chiefs opposed to deals with Nixon

WASHINGTON — Secret intelligence reports declare that President Nixon's high-risk military moves in Vietnam have undermined those in both Moscow and Peking who want to ease tensions with the United States.

Although there had been no visible opposition to the President's trip to Peking and

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invitation to visit Moscow, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) claims the detente was fiercely resisted inside the policy councils of both governments.

To protect our sources, we cannot quote directly from the CIA documents. The CIA maintains, however, that the decision to invite Nixon was by no means unanimous in Moscow or Peking.

Citing "reliable" sources, the CIA claims the Soviet military hierarchy has opposed doing business with Nixon. Defense Minister Andrei Grechko, apparently, has become the principal spokesman for this faction inside the Kremlin.

The Russian marshals, according to the CIA, are eager to share credit in Hanoi for the North Vietnamese successes. For the military equipment, which has smashed the South Vietnamese defenses, was made in Russia.

Bidding against the Chinese

The Soviets, in the bidding against the Chinese for influence in Hanoi, had offered the North Vietnamese a \$110 million military loan. General Vo Nguyen Giap, the North Vietnamese military genius, decided to spend it for tanks, heavy artillery and anti-aircraft missiles.

The Soviet military brass would like to see a setback for U.S. interests not only in Vietnam but the Middle East. The CIA warns that the Russians may counter U.S. moves in Vietnam with new initiatives in the Mediterranean.

The CIA offers fewer specifics about the opposition with the Chinese leadership to the Chinese-American detente. But bitter opposition, says the CIA, is simmering beneath the surface.

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