Soviet View of Raids Termed Relatively Mild

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MOSCOW, Nov. 23—The
Soviet Union reacted officially today to the latest American bombing raids over North
Vietnam with a statement
affirming support for Hanoi
but avoiding direct involvement.
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A statement issued by Tass was regarded here as a relatively mild and routine response, apparently indicating Moscow believes that the aerial attack was an exception and does not indicate any drastic expansion of the conflict.

"The new provocation by the United States has called forth the legitimate wrath and indignation of world public opinion which correctly judges these actions as an outright effort by Washington to prolong and further inflate the military conflict in Indochina," Tass said.