

# Top Russ Mission Reassured Hanoi

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet officials reassured North Vietnamese officials that the visit of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to Hanoi last week was a "reassuring" gesture, according to a Tass news agency report.

The report said that Soviet officials, including Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Gromyko, met with North Vietnamese officials in Hanoi. Gromyko's secretary, Konstantin Kozlov, also met with North Vietnamese officials. They exchanged views on the Vietnam war and other issues.

A Tass diplomatic source in Moscow said it was possible that Soviet officials might have been carrying a proposal for a "partial" proposal that would end the talks last week had the visit not taken place. The source said that the proposal would have been a "partial" proposal.

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The developments followed Kissinger's talks with Brezhnev on the Vietnam war and other policy problems during his surprise visit between April 20 to 24.

The official news agency Tass said the three-man Soviet mission conferred with North Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong and other Hanoi officials and "expressed the feelings of the invariable solidarity of the Soviet people with the heroic

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struggle of the Vietnamese people against the American aggression."

"Questions connected with the development and strengthening of Soviet-Vietnamese relations as well as some questions of mutual interest were discussed in the course of the conversations that passed in an atmosphere of cordiality, fraternal friendship and mutual understanding," Tass added.

### Reassurances

Western diplomatic sources said they rated the mission as a bid to "assure the North Vietnamese that were still friends and everything is all right, in the wake of the Kissinger visit and prior to the President's arrival."

The presence of both government and party leaders in the Soviet mission indicated the visit was not just a routine review of policy matters, diplomatic sources said.

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