

1949

Meetings

Dates of Meeting:

24-12-1949

Type of Meeting:

PB

Place of Meeting:

Beijing

Attendance:

Liu leads meeting

Major Agenda Items:

Vietnam

Speeches/Reports:

Other Decisions and/or Actions:

- concluded with the decision to invite a high-ranking Vietnamese delegation to Beijing to “discuss all important issues.” In order to learn more about the situation in Vietnam and to establish direct contacts with the Vietnamese Communists, the CCP leaders also decided to send Luo Guibo, a PLA commander who, as a guerrilla leader during the anti-Japanese war, had extensive experience in dealing with complicated situations, to Vietnam as the CCP’s general representative.
- Conclusion at the meeting was that it would be more beneficial than harmful for China to form diplomatic ties with the DRV before an expected French recognition of the PRC

Remarks:

1. On 25 and 28 December, Liu Shaoqi twice telegraphed Ho Chi min to inform him of these decisions, particularly mentioning that the PRC would dispatch a high-ranking adviser to Vietnam and was ready to grant diplomatic recognition to the DRV.
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2. Mao and Stalin had agreed on the 24th that the CCP will handle Vietnam