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The senior APN correspondent in the USA, comrade G.A. Borovik, has carried out preliminary sounding about the possibility of broadcasting a program about Vietnam by one of the largest American television corporations. The program is based on Soviet documentary films with a commentary by G.A. Borovik. The company will pay 9-27 thousand dollars for the program.

The US section of the Foreign Ministry of the USSR (comrade G.M. Kornienko) supports comrade Borovik's suggestion and considers it essential that the commentary to the program should be agreed with the Foreign Ministry.

"Sovexportfilm" (comrade A.B.Makhov) has consented to the inclusion of Soviet documentary footage on Vietnam into the program.

The administration of APN considers that it would be feasible to:

1. Endorse comrade G.A. Borovik's offer concerning the preparation of a television program on Vietnam for American television, bearing in mind that the commentary to the program shall be vetted by the Foreign Ministry of the USSR.

2. Authorize comrade G. A. Borovik to negotiate with American television companies concerning broadcasting of the program on propagandist and economic conditions favorable to us. We request authorization.

Chairman of the Administration
of the Novosti Press Agency
B. Burkov

4 March 1967