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SUBJECT

KGB Interest
in Recruiting American POWs

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2. The relationship of the KGB with the North Vietnamese depended on the closeness of relations between the North Vietnamese and the Chinese. KGB relations with the DRV varied greatly, but the Chinese always had the greater influence.

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3. In 1968 or 1969 the KGB suggested to the DRV [REDACTED] that they, the KGB, should be allowed to recruit American POWs. The DRV rejected the suggestion.

4. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He wrote a full report on his visit, emphasizing the influence of the Chinese. In his report he claimed that there were about a half million ethnic Chinese in North Vietnam, though another Soviet writer in 1969 reduced this estimate to 200,000.

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

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