

## Letter from Ho Chi Minh to President Harry Truman Asking for Intervention, February 28, 1946

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TELEGRAM

President Ho Chi Minh Vietnam Democratic Republic Hanoi

To the President of the United States of America Washington D.C.

On behalf of Vietnam government and people I beg to inform you that in course of conversations between Vietnam government and French representatives the latter require the secession of Cochinchina and the return of French troops in Hanoi stop meanwhile French population and troops are making active preparations for a coup de main in Hanoi and for military aggression stop I therefore most earnestly appeal to you personally and to the American people to interfere urgently in support of our independence and help making the negotiations more in keeping with the principles of the Atlantic and San Francisco charters

Respectfully

Ho Chi Minh  
(signed)