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SECOND MAIN DIRECTORATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE SOVIET ARMY

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to Cde. FILIPPOV

[We] have received the 26 September telegram about the military specialists and the requests for military equipment. We agree with your opinion.

1. Please send five military specialists to work in the Main Headquarters of the Volunteer Forces in Korea in the first 10 days of October and [you] need not send military specialists to the armies.

2. I request that the Soviet Government send us 120 85 mm anti-aircraft guns, seven kinds of artillery ammunition, six kinds of tires for artillery guns, and 100,000 anti-tank grenades which we very much need at the present time before the end of 1951, that is October-December, in accordance with the request attached to my telegram to you of 20 September (the cost of this request is approximately one-fifth of the total cost of the 8 September request).

We agree to stop the delivery of weapons and military equipment for the remaining six divisions beginning in October and the complete delivery of this equipment I April-June 1952.

3. I request that the Soviet Government in January-March 1952 complete delivery of all other objects of military equipment the cost of which is four-fifths of the total cost of the 8 September request. We will send a detailed request by telegraph.

Please begin the delivery of the weapons and military equipment for the remaining 15 divisions beginning July 1952.

In accordance with your previous message the delivery of weapons and military equipment for all the 60 divisions should be concluded in the first half of 1954. Now, in view of the postponement of the deadline for the delivery by half a year, is it advisable to also postpone the timeframe for the conclusion of the delivery of the weapons and military equipment for all 60 divisions for half a year, that is, to conclude delivery at the end of 1954

Please report your opinion so that we can prepare for this.

4. While Cde. Gao Gang was holding talks in Moscow in June of this year about the

delivery of weapons and military equipment for the 60 divisions agreement was reached to set the total cost of the above weapons and military equipment against a military credit which will be repaid by the Chinese government on a schedule after eight years.

Recently our Ministry of Trade received a message from the Soviet trade mission in China that representatives of corresponding Chinese organizations had concluded a commercial agreement with it for the delivery of 3,510 motor vehicles and 1,900 bicycles (these vehicles and bicycles are included in the military equipment of the first ten divisions).

I request that the Soviet Government examine the possibility of including the cost of the vehicles and bicycles which are part of the military equipment for the 60 divisions against the military credit; if this causes problems for you then please inform [us] about it so that our representatives conclude a commercial agreement for the above number of vehicles and bicycles with the Soviet trade mission in China.

Please study my telegram and report your opinion.

Greetings.

MAO ZEDONG

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CABLE N° 57?? Copy N° 1

[BEIJING]

to Cde. KRASOVSKY

for Cde. MAO ZEDONG

"Cde Mao Zedong!

We received your telegram of 4 October. We are replying to the questions raised in it.

About the five military advisers. The advisers for work at the Main Headquarters of the Volunteer Forces in Korea will be sent to [Beijing] in the next few days.

About the delivery of weapons. The 120 85 mm anti-aircraft guns, the shells, mortar shells, the anti-tank grenades, and the tires for the guns against an additional credit of 600 million ruble in accordance with your 20 September request (the cost of which is 109 million rubles, one-fifth of the total cost of the request) will be delivered to you by the end of 1951, that is, in the period we specified.

Concerning the period of delivery of military equipment in 1952 against the credit indicated above, the cost of which will be equal to four-fifths of the total cost of the request, we will report after receiving the request from you.

Military equipment for the remaining six divisions, the delivery of which was postponed by half a year, will be delivered by July 1952. Consequently, and also because we will have to provide new, large deliveries at an additional credit of 600 million rubles the period of delivery for the weapons and military equipment for 50 divisions will also have to be postponed by half a year, that is, to be concluded at the end of 1954.

You raise the question of us examining the possibility of including the cost of the motor vehicles and bicycles being delivered for the divisions against the military credit.

According to the current military credit agreement of 1 February 1951, up to now the settlements for automotive equipment have been made according to the terms of the trade agreement.

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The payment procedures of which you speak would contradict the current agreement and the practice of settlements which has developed on the basis of this agreement. Our financial and military organizations find no basis for reexamining the existing conditions and object to changing them. We agreed with them.

FILIPPOV".

7 October 1951

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Copy N° 1 to Cde. Stalin

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