



May 14, 1950
**Cable from Vyshinsky to Mao Zedong, Relaying Stalin's
Stance on Permission for North Korea to attack South
Korea**

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Summary:

The cable contains Stalin's personal response to Mao's 13 May telegram. Using the code-name “Filippov,” Stalin confirms his agreement with the North Korean proposal to “move toward reunification,” contingent on Beijing's assent.

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CIPHERED TELEGRAM

Destination: PEKING To whom: SovAmbassador

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For Mao Zedong.

“Comr. Mao Zedong!

In a conversation with the Korean comrades Filippov [Stalin] and his friends expressed the opinion, that, in light of the changed international situation, they agree with the proposal of the Koreans to move toward reunification [*pristupit k obiednineniiu*]. In this regard a qualification was made [*pri etom bilo ogovoreno*], that the question should be decided finally by the Chinese and Korean comrades together, and in case of disagreement by the Chinese comrades the decision on the question should be postponed until a new discussion. The Korean comrades can tell you the details of the conversation.

Filippov.”

Telegraph the fulfillment [*ispolneniie telegraf'te*].

VYSHINSKY

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