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**Description:**

To Chairman Burhan and through him to all committee members of the Provisional People's Government of Xinjiang Province:

Thank you for your message of congratulations. We hope that you will unite as one with the People's Liberation Army and the people of all nationalities of Xinjiang in carrying out the Common Program and in striving for the building of a new Xinjiang.

(Signed and dated)

#### **Mao Zedong's instructions on publicizing the "arrival" of troops in Xinjiang**

**"Guanyu xie jiefangjun jinru Xinjiang de duanping gei Hu Qiaomu de xin". October 21, 1949.**

Qiaomu:

Our army arrived in Dihua [Urumqi] last night. Please write some commentary[about this] and have it ready by tomorrow so I can see it. News and commentaries on the PLA entering Xinjiang should not use the word "captured" [*zhanling*] but should use the word arrived [*daoda*]; in the commentaries it should be mentioned that the authorities of the army and government in Xinjiang agreed with and welcomed the PLA's rapid arrival.

Mao Zedong  
October 21, 3 p.m.