

## Central Directive on Diplomatic Issues

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Central Committee, Liu, Deng, Zhang, Li, Su, Tan, Zhang:

After the liberation of Nanjing, the following instructions are given regarding diplomatic issues:

(1) Regarding embassies and legations of various countries stationed in Nanjing, there is no reason for the People's Liberation Army, Military Administration, and municipal government to have formal diplomatic relations with them. There should be no formal diplomatic exchanges, and there should be no recognition, either in writing or verbally, acknowledging them as ambassadors or ministers. However, responsibility should be taken to protect the safety of personnel in embassies and legations, without insult or aggression. There is also no need for registration.

(2) Our personnel should maintain a reserved attitude towards embassies, legations, and their diplomatic staff from various countries. We should not actively engage with them. The Military Administration and municipal government, once established, should only issue notices, publish newspapers, and broadcast, without sending official documents to them. If they approach us through relevant friends in China (such as Wu Yifang, Chen Yuguo, etc.), expressing their opinions, we can listen but not express our stance. If they come to the municipal government and negotiate through the Foreign Nationals Affairs Office, we can receive them as foreign nationals, listen to their opinions, and convey them to higher authorities, but it must be stated that we do not recognize them as diplomatic personnel.

(3) If embassies and legations of various countries request individual and vehicle passes to leave the city, after the lifting of martial law, they can be informed that if they request in a personal capacity, a pass for an individual to leave the city is limited to a certain area around Nanjing, and vehicle passes must have a specific scope, with each embassy or legation allowed to use one to two vehicles.

(4) For journalists and news agencies of various countries in Nanjing, they can temporarily continue to send telegrams and articles. No action should be taken at the moment, and the situation should be observed before making further decisions.

(5) The radio stations of embassies and legations of various countries should also be temporarily ignored, and their broadcasts to the outside world should be monitored.

(6) The security personnel and weapons of embassies and legations of various countries can be temporarily left unattended within their embassy premises. If they move outside the embassy, they are not allowed to wear military uniforms.

(7) Other matters related to foreign nationals shall continue to be implemented according to the instructions of January 19 of this year.

(8) Huang Hua is appointed as the director of the Foreign Nationals Affairs Office of the Nanjing Municipal Government, accompanying Rao Shushi and Liu Xiaonan on their trip south.

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Notes:

- Liu, Deng, Zhang, Liu refer to Liu Bocheng, Deng Xiaoping, Zhang Zhizhong, and Li Da.
- Su, Tan, Zhang refer to Su Yu, Tan Zhenlin, and Zhang Li.