

Comments on the Report on Convening the National Military Budget Conference

(December 1, 1949)

To Liu Shaoqi, Zhu De, Zhou Enlai, and Nie Rongzhen, and for notification to Yang Lisan:

I agree with the opinions expressed in this document. Please provide guidance during the meeting, as this matter is closely related to the national fiscal budget.

Mao Zedong

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Notes:

1. This was a comment by Mao Zedong on a report submitted by Yang Lisan, Minister of the General Rear Service Department of the Central People's Government's People's Revolutionary Military Committee, dated December 1, 1949.

2. Nie Rongzhen, who at the time served as Deputy Chief of Staff of the People's Revolutionary Military Committee of the Central People's Government.

3. The document refers to a report by Yang Lisan, which stated that the National Military Budget Conference for 1950 was set to be held on December 10, 1949, in Beijing. Several issues were to be discussed, including:

- Revising, supplementing, and refining the unified supply standards issued in April 1949, as these standards were based on conditions north of the Yangtze River and were no longer applicable given the expanded scope of liberated areas across the country.

- Drafting the organizational systems, structures, organizational regulations, and operational systems for the General Logistics Department of the Military Commission, regional logistics departments, and potentially logistics organs at the army, division, and regiment levels.

- Drafting the supply arrangements for 1950.

- Determining the manufacturing tasks and standard designs for summer and winter uniforms for various branches of the military in 1950.

- Discussing and proposing a plan for a low-salary system, providing a reference for the Military Commission to consider changes to the supply methods in the future.