

Letter From I.V. Stalin to Mao Zedong Concerning Natural Rubber And The Supplies Of Soviet Equipment To China

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To Comrade Mao Zedong

Third. In connection with your recent telegrams regarding the planting of rubber trees, I inform you that we agree to conclude a cooperation agreement on rubber tree cultivation, providing for the supply of equipment and materials from the Soviet Union on credit, the dispatch of Soviet specialists, and the supply to the Soviet Union of more than 50% of China's annual rubber production on preferential terms, at a discount compared to world market prices.

Negotiations on this matter can begin in Moscow, as you propose, in mid-May.

Our considerations regarding the loan terms are as follows:

The loan is provided at 2% per annum, with repayment beginning in three years and ending in nine years in equal annual installments.

The loan will be repaid by deliveries to the Soviet Union of rubber produced in China, and until China has its own rubber production, by deliveries of tungsten concentrate, molybdenum, tin, antimony, and other goods.

Soviet specialists will be dispatched in accordance with your request.

The equipment and materials requested will be delivered uniformly over the following timeframes: DT-54 tractors, trucks, tank trucks, towed implements, and mobile power plants – in the second and third quarters of 1952; S-80 tractors, stump-pickers, brush cutters, repair tools and lubricating oils - in the second, third and fourth quarters of 1952; mobile workshops, equipment for Repair shops and spare parts for tractors - in the fourth quarter of 1952 and in the first quarter of 1953.

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