

Ambassador Ni [Zhiliang]:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the two telegrams from [August] 22. Concerning the two requests of Premier Kim Il Sung, here is the reply:

(1) We have decided to transfer 50 train locomotives from the railway system to meet North Korea's urgent needs. [We] only ask the North Korean side to inform [us of] what model of locomotives they need in order [that we may] allocate and transfer [them]. Also, concerning the repair of locomotives, please ask the North Korean side how these are to be sent to the Northeast so that (we can) get ready.

(2) [We] cannot help with air force pilots. Our country has very few of this type of pilot, and moreover, the current international situation does not allow for this.

Zhou Enlai

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