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[Translator's note: one version of  
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Pass the following reply of Filippov [Stalin] to Mao Zedong in response to his telegram of 21 October:

"To Cde. Mao Zedong.

In connection with your telegram of 21 October on the question of Korea we consider it necessary to inform you that we hold to the same opinion on the question you touched upon and at one time [we] gave our advice to the Korean friends in the same spirit.

FILIPPOV"

Telegraph when this is done.

GROMYKO

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5 November 1949 Authenticated: [illegible signature]

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1. to Cde. Stalin

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