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SOVIET EMBASSY IN THE DPRK

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TO USSR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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We are sending you a decision of the December plenum of the CC of the Korean Worker's Party, "The Anti-Party, Factionalist Activity of Pak Il-U"

Pak Il-u is a former member of the KWP CC Political Council and Minister of Internal Affairs, and recently, DPRK Minister of Communications; by a decision of the December plenum he was expelled from the KWP CC and KWP membership. Some time later, 15 December 1955, Pak Il-u was arrested.

Pak Il-u is accused of establishing communications at a difficult time for the country with the group of Pak Heonyeong and Ri [Syn Yep], who had pursued subversive activity against the Worker's Party and the DPRK government.

At the present time evidence is being collected for the case of Pak Il-u. Pak Heonyeong, who was sentenced to death in December 1955, is being used as a witness.

In connection with this the execution of Pak Heonyeong, which was approved by the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, has been stayed.

According to available information, Pak Heonyeong testified that in January 1952 Pak Il-u told him that in the government the Premier was pursuing his policy without consulting with anyone, and that it was becoming hard for us (Pak Il-u and others) to work with him. Pak Heonyeong testified later that Pak Il-u assessed the retreat to the north of the Korean People's Army in 1950 as a defeat caused by unskilled leadership of the army.

The investigation does not have other evidence of the guilt of Pak Il-u, in spite of the fact that more than three months have passed since his arrest.

We are sending the above KWP CC decision for information purposes.

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