

Peng [Dehuai] [and] Gao [Gang]:

While you were meeting, I sent a telegram to Filippov [Stalin] with the comments on the North Korea situation and suggestions that were stated in [your] Peng's telegram and my observations on the war situation. Yesterday, [I] received a telegram in reply. [He] completely approves of a single central command led by Chinese comrades, and has informed Kim Il Sung and Shtykov of this by telegram. Now [I am] passing these two telegrams to you and [we will] see how Kim will respond. Zakharov has already expressed approval of a single central command.

Mao Zedong

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