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CIPHERED TELEGRAM No. 709

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BEIJING--

TO KRASOVSKY

Transmit the following answer to MAO ZEDONG.

“Comrade MAO ZEDONG.

We received your telegrams of January 31 concerning the negotiations on questions of an armistice.

We agree with the plan outlined by you and the evaluation of the course of the negotiations which you give. The firm position taken by you has already given positive results and must force the enemy to make further concessions.

We consider that you must make an agreement with the leading comrades of Poland and Czechoslovakia about including their representatives in the commission of observers, and they, of course, will agree with this.

With greetings. FILIPPOV [Stalin].”

Confirm receipt.

Telegraph the fulfillment.

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