

Comrade Filippov [Stalin],

Completely agree with the proposal to add 120 M-15 planes to the Belov Air Division, to send them to China in two batches and to prepare to form an Air Force command organization. Concerning the Andong Airport and the enhancement of air defense deployments, [we] will discuss this with Comrade Zakharov and carry it out.

Thanks to the courage and efforts of the Soviet air force men in battle, in the past 12 days 23 invading American planes have been shot down. This is worth reporting to you and extending our congratulations.

Mao Zedong

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