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On 26 September, with Malik's permission, Tsarapkin met with Lancaster, whom you know. The meeting was held at the request of Lancaster himself, who was presented in his letter to Tsarapkin.

Referring to the fact that you know him well, he stressed several times that he is doing this under his own responsibility, Lancaster told Tsarapkin, "If someone from your group desires to meet with representatives of the State Department I could ensure such a meeting in my home in Manhasset, Long Island". When he did this Lancaster said that he means a meeting with one of the assistants of Acheson or one of the American ambassadors, but Lancaster did not give the names of these people. In reply to Tsarapkin's question, "what is the purpose of such a meeting", Lancaster replied, "for a discussion about Korea", adding that he attaches great importance to such a meeting and hopes that subsequent discussions might lead to peace.

Lancaster stressed that, for the Americans' part, no memorandum would be submitted about this and that the discussions, if such take place, should have a preliminary and exploratory nature, without any notes. Lancaster asked that he be informed as soon as possible of our reply on this question.

Lancaster also said that if the meeting does not happen "then we will forget about this discussion".

Inasmuch as, in Tsarapkin's words, Lancaster is well-known to you, weigh what is presented above and if you think the matter deserves attention report to headquarters or your tentative opinion to me so we can discuss the question of our reaction and present our proposals.

27 September 1950 VYSHINSKY

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