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To Comrade Zakharov

For Comrade Zhou Enlai

I received the telegram with the request for urgent delivery of 500 automobiles. Your request will be satisfied by us. In order to speed up the transfer of the automobiles to you, having in mind to give you new automobiles, orders have been given to our military command not to give you old automobiles from Port Arthur, but to send new automobiles to the Manchuria [railway] station and to transfer 140 automobiles to Chinese representatives on 20 November and 355 automobiles on 25-26 November.

We will speed up the shipment of the remaining automobiles and another 1,000 automobiles will arrive at the Manchurian station before 5 December.

FILIPPOV [Stalin]
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