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to Cde. FILIPPOV [Stalin]

Ridgway, the Commanding General of enemy forces, made a statement today with a proposal that representatives of both warring sides meet on a Danish ship in the port of Wonsan for a meeting on a cessation of combat operations. He declared at the same time that an appropriate guarantee is required; only in this even might combat operations be halted.

I inform you of my opinion on this question.

Please study and give a reply, but also please inform Cde. Kim Il Sung of this directly.

1. Cde. Kim Il Sung presumably should give a reply to Ridgway on 2 or 3 July. He should express agreement in this reply to hold negotiations [between] representatives of both sides about a cessation of combat operations and suggest a time, place, and number of participants of the meeting.

2. As regards the place of holding the negotiations, Ridgway proposed the port of Wonsan.

Considering that Wonsan is a fortified naval base of North Korea and the enemy intends to land a party there, it seems to me disadvantageous to agree to hold negotiations in Wonsan. Cannot a location on the 38th parallel be proposed for the negotiations, perhaps Kaidzio [sic; possibly Kaesong][?].

3. In order to provide our representatives with time to fully prepare for the conference it seems to me advantageous to set 15 July as the date of the beginning of the meeting.

4. In view of the brief time and great importance of this meeting please maintain direct communications with Cde. Kim Il Sung, personally oversee this meeting, and keep me informed at the same time.

MAO ZEDONG

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