

to Mr. Kim Il Sung

Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of

the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang

I confirm receipt of your letter of 8 October in which you report that the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has begun carrying out its responsibilities and proposes establishing diplomatic relations with the USSR and exchanging ambassadors, and also establishing ~~else~~ [inserted by hand: appropriate] economic relations between both countries.

The Soviet Government, invariably defending the right of the Korean people to the creation of its united independent country, welcomes the creation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and wishes it success in its activity for the benefit of the national renaissance and democratic development of Korea. The Soviet Government expresses readiness to establish diplomatic relations between the USSR and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and an exchange of ambassadors and, along with this, the establishment of ~~else~~ [inserted by hand: appropriate] economic relations meeting the interests of both countries.

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Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers

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