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SPECIAL [BEIJING]

TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR Only by landline and cipher

Pass the following to either Zhou Enlai or Mao Zedong:

"1. The British have officially turned to us through their ambassador in Moscow and stated that, being bound by the decision of the Security Council, they cannot for the time being give proposals about a peaceful settlement of the Korean issue but if the Korean People's Democratic Republic withdraws its troops to the 38th parallel then a peaceful solution of the Korean issue might be expedited.

The British are asking the Soviet government to state its opinion. We consider such a demand brazen and unacceptable.

We are thinking of reply that the Korean issue became too complicated after the armed foreign intervention and that such a complex issue can only be solved by the Security Council with the participation of the USSR and China [PRC] and also calling upon representatives of Korea to hear their opinion.

Inform [us] of your views.

As regards the Indian ambassador, we have decided not to reply to him since they have made it clear that his statement is his personal opinion which the Indian government does not share.

2. We do not know [whether] you have decided to place nine Chinese divisions on the border with Korea. If you have made such a decision then we are ready to send you a division of 24 jet fighters to protect these troops.

We are thinking of training Chinese pilots for two or three months with the aid of our pilots and then handing over all the materiel to your pilots. We are thinking of doing the same with the air division in Shanghai.

Inform [us] of your opinion"

Report by telegraph when this is done.

Filippov [Stalin]

13 July 1950

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