

## Plans to Publicize the Confessions of Americans Prisoners of War on Germ Warfare<sup>[1]</sup>

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Premier Kim [Il Sung],

Recently the United States is causing waves within the United Nations General Assembly by raising the issue of germ warfare; they have falsely accused us of using torture to force prisoners of war to make false statements about germ warfare. We plan to publicize the statements provided by 19 American prisoners of war [who were] responsible for germ warfare. Prior to publicizing [their statements], we plan to issue a communiqué regarding these 19 statements under the name of the Korean People's Army Political Department and the Chinese People's Volunteer Army Political Department. On 9 November [1953], we will be sending communiqués, statements, audio recordings, and pictures of the prisoners to Pyongyang by air. We plan to broadcast the communiqué on 10 November at 11:00AM, Beijing time; the communiqué will appear in the papers on 11 November. From 11 November on, we will consecutively broadcast the oral statements from the prisoners and [these statements] will appear in the papers the day after their broadcasts. We plan to ask Pyongyang to publicize the aforementioned communiqué and statements according to this schedule. Please telegraph your views on each of these points.

Mao Zedong

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<sup>[1]</sup> This is a telegram given to Kim Il Sung, Premier of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, by Mao Zedong.