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In view of the fact that the enemy is continuing to drop a large quantity of insect bacilli-carriers in Manchuria, our recalculations indicate that the quantity of the three types of anti-epidemiological means requested in the note sent on 7 March will be insufficient.

We request that, in addition to the quantity envisaged in the note sent on 7 March, the Soviet Government also supply us with the following additional anti-epidemiological means: pure DDT – 600 tons; live anti-plague vaccine – 20 million doses; and tetanus vaccine (typhoid fever, parasitic typhus A, parasitic typhus B, cholera) – 20 million doses.

We request that the Soviet Government urgently send to Beijing some of the above-mentioned means and the items we requested in the note on 7 March by air transport, if that is possible.

I request that this order be included in the account for goods exchanged.

I request that you let us know about the possibility of this supply.

With greetings,

ZHOU ENLAI