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A luncheon was held for DPRK Ambassador in Moscow Ri Song-un on the occasion of his presence in Pyongyang for meetings. Present at the lunch were: Minister Pak Seong-cheol, his deputy Ri Jeong-sik, Chief of the 1st Department Hong Dong-cheol, his deputy Kwon Jun-uk, Chief of the KWP CC International Department Pak Yong-guk, and an interpreter.

From the Soviet side [were]: Counsellors V. I. Pelishenko, V. A. Zharkov, and Third Secretary D. A. Priyemsky.

Minister Pak Seong-cheol said that the report of the impending visit of Cde. N. S. Khrushchev to the DPRK was greeted everywhere with great joy: manual laborers, peasants, and intellectuals warmly welcome the arrival of Cde. N. S. Khrushchev in our country. He also provided information that their correspondents who had gone to Japan with a Red Cross Society delegation to hold talks about extending the period for the repatriation of Koreans from Japan had been prohibited from sending any information about the progress of the talks. Ri Il-geun [sic], the leader of the Korean delegation, expressed a vigorous protest and demanded the creation of equal conditions for coverage of the progress of the talks both for the Japanese and the Korean sides.

I told the Minister and other comrades present at the luncheon that numerous letters and telegrams were beginning to come to the Embassy which express gratitude to Cde. N. S. Khrushchev for his upcoming visit to the DPRK and containing an invitation to visit their enterprises, agricultural cooperatives, and organizations.

I asked the Minister whether one could tentatively get a draft of the program for Cde. N. S. Khrushchev's visit in DPRK.

Pak Seong-cheol replied that this could be done next week.

Pak Yong-guk spoke very warmly and in a heartfelt manner of the upcoming arrival of Cde. N. S. Khrushchev and proposed a toast to his health and the successes in enormous state and Party activity.

The luncheon passed in a friendly, comradely atmosphere.

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