

**September 22, 1948**  
**Telephone Message via VCh, Kim Il Sung to  
Generalissimo Iosif Vissarionovich Stalin**

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**Summary:**

Kim praises Stalin and the USSR for its role in securing Korean independence and in negotiating with the Americans on the Korean issue

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Telephone message via VCh

from Pyongyang 22 September 1948

MOSCOW, THE KREMLIN  
to GENERALISSIMO Iosif Vissarionovich STALIN,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Dear Iosif Vissarionovich!

Having received a message about the decision adopted by the Soviet government about the evacuation from North Korea of the remaining Soviet troops, on behalf of the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people I express to you and in your person the whole Soviet people my warmest feelings of unbounded love and gratitude.

The day of 15 August 1945, the day of the liberation of our people from under the long colonial oppression of Japanese imperialism by the armed forces of the Great Soviet Union, will never fade from the memory of our people.

The people of Korea well know the wise Leninist and Stalinist national policy and your untiring fatherly concern for us, the Korean people.

The decision of the Moscow conference of the three ministers of foreign affairs, the position of the Soviet delegation in the Joint Soviet-American Commission on Korea, the repeated statements of the Soviet government about readiness to withdraw Soviet troops from North Korea at the same time as the American troops are withdrawn from South Korea and, finally, the decision of the Soviet government about the evacuation of the remaining Soviet troops from Korea - all this will never be forgotten by our people as an inestimable contribution of the Soviet people to the cause of the restoration of the national independence and culture of the Korean people.

Such magnanimous and friendly aid to a small nation can only be given by the Great Soviet Union, displaying deep respect for the values and specific features of each nation, great and small, and to the equal rights of peoples.

Thanks to the unselfish aid and sympathy of the great Soviet people the Korean people have waged and will wage a vigorous struggle for the full national independence of their homeland, for the strengthening of the successes achieved at the front of the construction of a genuinely democratic Korea, and the further democratization of all the areas of the people's lives of Korea.

Our people have no doubt that the Great Soviet Union and you personally, Iosif Vissarionovich, will continue to help them defend their national and sovereign rights, and give them support in the development and strengthening of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In the all-embracing strengthening of friendship with the Soviet people, in the establishment of strong political, economic, and cultural relations with the Soviet Union our people see a guarantee of their national independence, a guarantee of the success and happiness of their future independent country.

I wish you, dear Iosif Vissarionovich, good health for the good of the peoples who are

fighting for peace, freedom, and democracy in the whole World.

I wish the Great Soviet people new grand successes in their progress toward a radiant future, toward Communism!

Long live the Great Soviet people!

Long live and flourish the eternal and unbreakable friendship of the peoples of the Soviet Union and Korea!

Long live the best friend and liberator of the Korean people, Generalissimo STALIN!

KIM IL SUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Pyongyang

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