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**Ciphered Telegram No. 50513, Terebin to
Kuznetsov, transmitting a Message from Mao
Zedong to Filippov [Stalin]**

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Summary:

Mao informs Stalin that they published a list of conditions under which they would consider entering negotiations with the Chinese Nationalist Government in Nanjing.

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Russian

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Translation - English

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CIPHERED TELEGRAM No. 50513

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Comrade KUZNETSOV

Transmitting another telegram from Mao Zedong

"Comrade Filippov,

1. I was glad to receive your supplementary telegram of January 11. On the principal line (the breakdown of large scale negotiations with the Guomintang [GMD], the continuation of the revolutionary war to the end) we agree with you completely.

Today we published eight conditions under which we [would] agree to enter into peace negotiations with the Guomintang. These conditions are put forward against the five reactionary conditions which Jiang Jieshi mentioned in his peace proposal of January 1.

Several days ago already the Americans sounded out our opinion--whether we would wish to conduct peace negotiations with the Guomintang without the 43 war criminals. So this sole condition--negotiating without war criminals--is no longer sufficient to undermine the intrigue of the Guomintang peace negotiations.

2. [This point dealt with the work of the CCP radio station.]

3. Since the publication of the Guomintang's peace proposals there has been much fuss in the GMD-controlled areas and the population is en masse demanding peace from the Guomintang, reproaching the Guomintang that its peace conditions are too severe.

The agitation and propaganda organs of the Guomintang are hastily explaining why the Guomintang needs to preserve its legal status and its army. We think that this disorder in the Guomintang-controlled regions will be increasing further.

Mao Zedong
14 January 1949"

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