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**Summary:**

Special dossier refining aspects of the geological prospecting party to North Korea, to extract "rare elements".

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Special dossier

Members of the Special Committee: Coms. Beria, Malenkov, Voznesenskii, Zavenyagin, Kurchatov, Makhnev, Pervukhin.

[...]

VIII. On organizing geological prospecting work for rare elements in North Korea and Xinjiang

Accept draft Resolution on this question proposed by cc. Zavenyagin, Malik, Migunov and Malyshev with the following modifications:

a) Geological prospecting party is to be sent from the Ministry of Geology, and to entrust cc. Zavenyagin and Malyshev to include as members of the party specialists for organizing simultaneous extraction of A-9 [uranium-SR] and B-9 [thorium-SR].

b) To exclude from the draft proposals concerning organization of prospecting work in Xinjiang, and to entrust cc. Zavenyagin and Lomako to look into this question separately and to offer the Special Committee their suggestions.

Submit to the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Union of SSR comrade Stalin I.V. the draft Resolution "on conducting geological prospecting work for rare elements in North Korea".

Chairman of the Special Committee under the Council of Ministers of the USSR L. Beria