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Summary:

A telegram from Roshchin in Beijing to Moscow, informing the Soviet leadership of the terms under which the Chinese will consider an armistice on the Korean Peninsula.

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Translation - English

CIPHERED TELEGRAM

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On December 7 at 3:00 Beijing time Zhou Enlai invited me to his [office] and transmitted the following in the name of the Chinese government:

At Lake Success representatives from India, England, Sweden and the general secretary of the UN Trygve Lie have recently appealed several times to the representative of the Chinese people's republic [General] Wu Xiuquan asking under what conditions it is possible to end the military operations in Korea.

Their aspirations are to hold the position in Korea at the 38th parallel.

Not wishing to put ourselves in a disadvantageous position and having the goal of holding the initiative in our hands and also showing assertiveness on this question, the government of the Chinese people's republic intends to give the following instruction to Wu Xiuquan for answering the representatives of India, England, Sweden and Trygve Lie:

"Military operations in Korea will be ended under the following conditions:

1. The withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea.
2. The withdrawal of American troops from the Taiwan strait and from the territory of Taiwan.
3. The Korean question must be resolved by the Korean people themselves.
4. The participation of a representative of the Chinese people's republic in the UN and the exclusion from the UN of a representative of Jiang Jieshi [Chiang Kai-shek].
5. Convening a conference of the ministers of foreign affairs of the four great powers for the preparation of a peace treaty with Japan.
6. If the five aforementioned conditions for the cessation of military operations are accepted, the five great powers can send their representatives to convene a conference for signing the conditions of an armistice."

Zhou Enlai transmitted the enumerated conditions in written form.

Further, Zhou stated that before sending the present conditions for cessation of military operations in Korea, the Chinese government wishes that Wu Xiuquan consult

with the government of the USSR and asks the Soviet government to express its opinion on this question.

Zhou Enlai earnestly asked [me] to transmit to the Soviet government that the Chinese government wishes to receive an answer today.

I stated to Zhou Enlai that what was communicated by him: the report, the conditions for ceasefire in Korea and the request for an answer will be immediately brought before the government of the USSR.

7.XII.50 ROSHCHIN