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Summary:

The Hungarian Ambassador in the DPRK discusses with Soviet officials Soviet-DPRK relations and Korea's stance on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

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Comrade Jenó Sebastyén, our new ambassador in Pyongyang, spent a short time in Moscow on his way to his post. During his stay here, on 10th this month, he [...] visited Comrade O.V. Okonishnikov, [...] who had worked in Korea as a counselor, and Comrade V.I. Likhachev, the head of the Foreign Ministry's Far Eastern Department. [...]

The Soviet comrades emphasized that on the part of the Soviet Union as well as the other socialist countries that hold correct views, patient and persistent persuasion was needed to get the Korean position closer to our common position on the big issues of international politics. This task was not an easy one; they cited the Soviet-Korean debate over the nuclear nonproliferation treaty as an example. The Soviet side asked the Korean comrades whether they thought that it would be a good thing if, for instance, Japan - which possesses the required industrial and technical capacity - obtained nuclear weapons. In this concrete case the Korean comrades naturally acknowledged that nuclear nonproliferation was justified, but in general they did not (by which they actually give veiled support to the Chinese position)[...]

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