

October 13, 1950 Ciphered Telegram from Feng Xi (Stalin) to Kim II Sung (via Shtykov)

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Summary:

A telegram from Stalin to Shtykov for Kim II Sung relaying the decision of the Chinese to support North Korea with their troops. This decision is a marked reversal of the negative message sent 3 October by Mao.

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PYONGYANG

To SHTYKOV for Comrade Kim II Sung

I have just received a telegram from Mao Zedong in which he reports that the CC CPC [Central Committee of the Communist Party of China] discussed the situation [in Korea] again and decided after all to render military assistance to the Korean comrades, regardless of the insufficient armament of the Chinese troops. I am awaiting detailed reports about this matter from Mao Zedong. In connection with this new decision of the Chinese comrades, I ask you to postpone temporarily the implementation of the telegram sent to you yesterday about the evacuation of North Korea and the retreat of the Korean troops to the north.

Feng Xi [STALIN]

13 Oct 1950 [typed:] Sent on 13.X.50