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Note from the Embassy of the Polish Republic in Korea

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A report on North Korea's preparations for war.

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[redacted] Note

[redacted] According to information gathered in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here and from the 2nd secretary of the Hungarian Mission, preparations are underway for serious battles.

- [redacted] 1. All hospitals have received orders to prepare a maximum number of beds to receive the ill, and half of the beds are to be kept in reserve.
- [redacted] 2. The intensive construction of new rooms for the sick has begun, the buildings are scattered in groups of two-three, making it difficult to destroy them.
- [redacted] 3. For a week now, alarm exercises have been conducted in the hospitals, giving 30 minutes for the evacuation of the staff and apparatus.
- [redacted] 4. Almost all the compressors have been taken down from the existing works and deployed to strengthen and deepen the front and coastal fortifications.
- [redacted] 5. Rail, car and horse transportation has been working intensively regardless of the enhanced bombardments by the enemy air force.
- [redacted] 6. Universal military training has begun, encompassing all workers and white-collar workers, first of all teaching them to shoot from guns and light machine guns.

[redacted] Almost the whole body of party and government activists realizes the seriousness of the situation, since they know that the enemy is pulling in serious forces and that he is capable of committing every crime to reach his goal, but the faith in the force of the Korean People's Army, Chinese volunteers and assistance from the Soviet Union and the Countries of People's Democracy is strong, and this allows everyone to prepare for the heavy fighting with gravity and concentration, in the belief in the full victory of the just cause.

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