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Summary:

At a final toast made by Kosygin and Kim Il Sung, the two agree to sign a communique and emphasize their common mission to fight against imperialism.

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Kosygin:

He thanked cordially for the invitation and also greeted Kim Il Sung, Choe Yong-geon [Choe Yong Gon], Kim Il and all KWP CC PB members on behalf of himself, c. Brezhnev, Mikoyan, Podgorny, and all members and candidates of the CPSU CC Presidium.

Then he said that in the last two years, the delegation had many meetings with Kim Il Sung and the KWP leadership. The talks went on in communist - Bolshevik spirit. We, as well as Korean comrades, are Marxists - Leninists; just as Korean comrades, we are walking the Marxist way towards a single goal. The talks were opened. We discussed what is controversial, as well as what unites us, and we have reached a unanimous conclusion that is recorded in our communiqué.

There are no contradictions between us that would divide us; we share a mission to fight with imperialism for peace and socialism. We can hit capitalism the hardest if we unify the forces of socialism.

In this sense we will work, in this spirit the communiqué is written that we will sign. We arrived from Vietnam, a fraternal country that is fighting against aggression. We agreed that the most important challenge today is to unify forces of China, Vietnam, Korea and the Soviet Union. That's what the imperialists fear the most. And what imperialists are afraid of, we must realize; that will bring us a victory.

In conclusion, c. Kosygin thanked again c. Kim Il Sung, Choe Yong-geon, Kim Il and all members of the KWP CC Politburo, the party and government of the DPRK, all Korean people, and said a toast to friendship.

Kim Il Sung thanked the delegation for accepting the invitation. He said that the visit contributed to strengthening of friendship between people of both countries. The talks were honest, opened and in party spirit. Both sides expressed the will of their people to fight for unity and to support national liberation struggle. "I believe that we can resolve differences between our parties gradually during our fight with imperialism. If we keep on fighting for unity, we will bring our opinions closer together.

The current situation is very complex. The imperialists are not wasting a minute; therefore, while fighting with them, we have to keep unifying our forces. Accordingly, we have written our joint communiqué. I think the Soviet delegation's visit and consequent talks will be fruitful and will contribute to the cause of friendship."

He then asked on behalf of the KWP CC that the delegation convey to Soviet people feelings of friendship, and said a toast to friendship between people of both countries and for unity of socialist countries.