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**Central Committee of the Communist Party of the
Soviet Union Presidium Protocol 59**

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Summary:

Protocol 59 further details the focus of the Soviet Union just before the Cuban Missile Crisis. Khrushchev was so confident that his plan with Cuba would go unhindered that he spent his efforts on resolving the Sino-Indian border conflict, thinking the matter with missiles was done.

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33. [On the Indian-Chinese conflict]

The proposals are being readied by Cde. N. S. Khrushchev

1. Delay the shipment to India of MiG-21 aircraft.

2. On instructions to the Soviet ambassador in India, Cde. [Ivan] Benediktov. Say to [Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal] Nehru: "We are disappointed."

Are they thinking about how this conflict will end?

By whom was the McMahon Line created?

By whom was it recognized? When was it introduced?

But the circumstances have changed.

The PRC's proposals for troop withdrawals spanning 20 km are reasonable.

India's demands for troop withdrawals spanning an additional 20 km are humiliating for the PRC.

We are in favor of eliminating the conflict, it will not bring any benefit.

India is hardly going to gain anything from the conflict.

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