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Summary:

Pak Deok-hwan and M.S. Kapitsa review Soviet strategies to discuss the Korean issue at the 13th United Nations General Assembly. Kapitsa also informs Pak of the repatriation of ethnic Koreans from the Soviet Union to the DPRK.

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RECORD OF A CONVERSATION with Counselor of the DPRK Embassy in Moscow Cde. PAK DEOK-HWAN

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I received Pak Deok-hwan and had a conversation with him.

1. I passed Pak Deok-hwan the "Preliminary Agenda for the Next 13th UN General Assembly Session" and delivered an aide memoire in connection with this. Pak then asked what is new in the presentation of the Korean issue at the General Assembly that is supposed to be this year.

I replied that at the present time the USSR MFA Far East Department is conducting preparatory work for the General Assembly and thinks that the withdrawal of the Chinese people's volunteers from the DPRK creates favorable conditions to offer some new proposals about the Korean problem. When our ideas about this issue take shape we will consult with the Korean comrades.

2. In accordance with a 5 June 1958 CPSU CC decree I informed Pak Deok-hwan about the decision of the Soviet government to send Korean citizens to the DPRK during 1958 who are working on contracts at enterprises of the Soviet Far East, taking into consideration their wishes about the time to leave for [their] homeland.

Pak said that he will report to his government about this decision.

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