

November 2, 1958
**Letter, Mao Zedong to Zhou Enlai, Chen Yi, Huang
Kecheng**

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Summary:

Mao suggests resuming the bombardment of Jinmen Island on November 3, 1958.

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建议金门炮击大打一天 给周恩来等的信

(一九五八年十一月二日)

恩来、陈毅、克诚〔1〕同志：

建议明三日(逢单)大打一天,打一万发以上,对一切军事目标都打。以影响美国选举,争取民主党获胜,挫败共和党。同时使蒋军得到拒绝撤兵的口实。是否适宜,请加酌定。

毛 泽 东

十一月二日上午五时于郑州

根据手稿刊印。

注 释

〔1〕 陈毅,当时任国务院副总理兼外交部部长。克诚,即黄克诚,当时任中共中央军委秘书长、国防部副部长、中国人民解放军总参谋长。

[...]

Comrades [Zhou] Enlai, Chen Yi, and [Huang] Kecheng:

Suggest having a heavy all day shelling tomorrow (the 3rd, an odd day). Fire at least 10,000 shells and bomb all the military targets [on Jinmen] in order to affect America's election, promoting the Democrats' victory and the Republicans' defeat. Meanwhile, give Jiang's troops an excuse for refusing to withdraw [from Jinmen]. Please consider and decide if this is proper.

Mao Zedong

5:00 A.M., 2 November in Zhengzhou

[...]