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Ciphered Telegram No. 36275 from Feng Xi [Stalin] to the Soviet Ambassador in Pyongyang

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Summary:

Stalin sharply reprimands Ambassador Shtykov for promising Soviet advisors to the North Koreans without permission.

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8 Department of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of the Union SSR.

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To Pyongyang, Soviet Ambassador

It appears that you behave incorrectly, for you promised the [North] Koreans to give them [Soviet] advisers, and did not ask us for permission.

You should remember that you are a representative of the USSR, not of Korea.

Let our advisers go to the front headquarters and into army groups in civilian uniforms as correspondents of "Pravda" in the required numbers.

You will be personally responsible before the Soviet Government that they would not be taken prisoners.

No. 380/m.

FENG XI [Stalin]

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NO. 1 - for Stalin

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No. 3 - for Bulganin

Typist Budanova 8 July 1950, 19:35

Correct: head of dispatch of 4th Division 8 Department of the GSSA.
Colonel Gonchar.