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**Ciphered Telegram No. 25465 from Beijing, Mao  
Zedong to Cde. Filippov [Stalin]**

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**Summary:**

Mao writes to Stalin discussing strategies for a proposal cease hostilities at the front line, and establish a line of demarcation between the two sides.

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to Cde. FILIPPOV [Stalin]

I am sending you for [your] information my 31 October telegram to Cde. LI KENONG.

"To Cde. LE KENONG.

Copies: to Cdes. Kim Il Sung and Peng Dehuai.

I received your telegrams of 0200 30 October and 2120 30 October. I agree with your telegram of 0200 30 October in which you suggest that at the 31 October meeting at our initiative our side declare a cessation of hostilities where the front line is at present, making some changes.

If the enemy objects to this and insists on the draft he proposed on 25 October then our side should sharply criticize it immediately or at the afternoon meeting and publish a communiqué and information of the correspondents in order to expose the enemy's reluctance to cease hostilities and to establish a military boundary line where the front line is at present, and also [to expose] the enemy's attempts to establish a military boundary line deep in our rear in order for it to be a weapon in our hands and so that it would be to our advantage on 1 or 2 November to offer our specific draft and force the enemy to agree with our draft.

If the enemy agrees with our proposal then we can offer our specific draft at the 1 November meeting and thereby take the initiative in our hands.

As regards a specific draft, we agree with the six points you proposed and also with the southern and northern boundaries. If the enemy insists on exchanging territory in the area of Kaesong for territory in areas south of Kaesong and [Kindzyo] then it will be advantageous for us to simply offer a draft to cease hostilities where the front line is at present, to establish a southern and northern boundary of the withdrawal of the troops of both sides at two kilometers, and force the enemy to accept this draft and not have further arguments about the issue of exchanging territory.

MAO ZEDONG 0130 31 October"

MAO ZEDONG

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