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**Telegram, Soviet Foreign Ministry to N. V. Roshchin
(Soviet Ambassador in Beijing)**

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Summary:

Message from the Soviet Foreign Ministry to its Ambassador to the PRC Roshchin, instructing him to inform Zhou Enlai of the USSR's intent to reluctantly take part in the peace conference at San Francisco.

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Visit Zhou Enlai and tell him that you have been told to inform the PRC government that the Soviet government has decided to send a delegation to the conference on the Japanese peace treaty to be held in San Francisco starting on 4 September of this year.

The Soviet government considers that it is difficult for the USSR to refuse participation in this conference, since such a refusal might be taken by public opinion as the Soviet Union's lack of desire to have normal relations with Japan. The Soviet representatives will take part in the San Francisco conference and will try to bring about the acceptance of the Soviet Union's proposals.

Of course, our delegation to the conference will voice the necessity of inviting the representatives of the People's Republic of China, without whose participation a peace treaty with Japan cannot be concluded. We will inform the government of the People's Republic of China about the conference.