

**April 28, 1954**

**Telegram, Zhou Enlai to Mao Zedong, Liu Shaoqi,  
and CCP Central Committee (excerpt)**

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**Summary:**

In his telegram, Zhou Enlai informs Mao Zedong, Liu Shaoqi, and CCP Central Committee about the first days of the Geneva Conference. Discussion on the Korea question has already entered a deadlock and it seems that the Chinese, French, and Russian delegations have arranged to meet outside the conference to discuss Indochina.

**Original Language:**

Chinese

**Contents:**

Translation - English

(1) According to the situation of the first three days of the conference, the discussion on the Korea question has already entered a deadlock, and this is because the United States does not intend to solve the question, France is not in a convenient position to discuss this issue, and Britain has made it clear that it does not want to cast its opinion on the issue either.

(2) Bidault is eager to discuss the Indochina question. He already approached Molotov and expressed the desire to meet us [the Chinese] by the introduction of the Soviet side. Outside the conference, Bidault and other members of the French delegation have showed a keen interest in contacting members of the Chinese delegation.... Therefore, the discussion on the Indochina question could begin ahead of the [conference's] schedule.