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

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**Summary:**

Zhou Enlai informs Mao Zedong, Liu Shaoqi, and the CCP Central Committee that despite an increased possibility for ceasefire, there are plots for sabotaging the ceasefire in Indochina by the US and factions for war in France.

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Chinese

**Contents:**

Translation - English

Because of the victory in Dien Bien Phu and the initiative taken by our side to release seriously wounded French prisoners, the plots of sabotaging a ceasefire in Indochina by the United States and the factions for war in France have encountered big difficulties. The majority of members of the French parliament are in favor of a ceasefire, and those within the [French] government opposing a ceasefire belong to the minority. Therefore, as shown by the current situation, the possibility for a ceasefire has increased, and specific progress has been achieved in the negotiation. But the United States and the factions for war in France may strengthen the activities of sabotaging [the negotiation.]