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**Telegram, Zhou Enlai to Mao Zedong, Liu Shaoqi,
and the CCP Central Committee, Regarding the final
plenary session of the conference (excerpt)**

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Summary:

In this telegram Zhou Enlai writes to Mao Zedong, Liu Shaoqi, and the CCP Central Committee, regarding the final plenary session of the conference. "The Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities in Cambodia" was signed on July 21 and Zhou met with the participating delegations, and celebrated with the delegations from Soviet Union, Vietnam, and China.

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Chairman Mao, Comrade [Liu] Shaoqi, and report to the Central Committee:

The following is a brief report on the situation of the 2151

(1) "The Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities in Cambodia" was not signed until noon time of the 21st, after much debate; and the time for troop withdrawal, with compromise, was finally set for three months.

(2) At 11:00 a.m. Eden came to my villa to say farewell. He said that Britain placed a lot of emphasis on the connections that had been established between China and Britain, and hoped that the two countries would maintain this relationship with confidence in the future. I said that the relationship between the two countries should develop further. He expressed gratitude to the help that I had rendered [to him] this time. I thanked him for the effort as chair of the conference.... I hoped that Britain should pay special attention to the United States so that they would not make trouble in Cambodia, and Eden said that he was confident that the United States would not establish military bases in Cambodia....

(3) At 1:00 p.m., I invited Mendes-France to a lunch for returning his favor. He said that the meetings with me this time had allowed the Geneva Conference to be successful, and also had opened the path for the development of French-Chinese relations. I also cheered for the development of Chinese-French relations on the new basis of friendship. Mendes-France asked me whether he should resign since the agreement on ceasefire was not signed in time. I said that the main things were done, and that this small matter would be counted as nothing. He said that both Molotov and I, same as their president, were of the opinion that he should not resign. He said with smile that when he reported to the parliament he would say that "Premier Zhou Enlai does not want me to resign."

(4) At 3:00 p.m. the closing session was held. Eden was the chair. Mendes France's attitude was quite reconciliatory, and he mentioned President Ho Chi Minh in his final presentation. Toward the end of the session, Smith was trying to make trouble, but the atmosphere of the whole session was reconciliatory. Eden's attitude was to conclude the conference smoothly, so the closing session of the conference is quite harmonious.

(5) In the evening, the three delegations from the Soviet Union, Vietnam and China gathered to have a celebratory dinner at my place. Comrade Molotov already left for Moscow at midnight.

Zhou Enlai

1:00, July 22, 1954