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**Cable from the General Bureau for Economic Relations with Foreign Countries to Vice Premier Li Fuchun, 'Regarding Instructions for the Exchange of Notes on the Chinese Agricultural Experts Going to Mali'**

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**Summary:**

The General Bureau for Economic Relations with Foreign Countries asks Li Fuchun for guidance on the terms of dispatching Chinese agricultural experts to Mali.

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Signed by: Fang Yi

Vice Premier [Li] Fuchun:

In accordance [with the] request put forth to me [by the] Malinese economic delegation to China [on their] visit in September of last year [1961], our group of agriculture experts includes [the following people]: one [expert on] paddy rice, one [expert on] tea, one [expert on] sugar cane, two irrigation experts, [and] two representatives for a total of seven people. [They have] already arrived at the Malian capital Bamako on 2 January of this year. Since this is our country's first [delegation] sent to Mali [for] technical cooperation, the burden of cost for the experts, the [exact nature of] the tasks, the duration of work, and other issues have not yet been [fully] agreed upon. Therefore, we [have] drafted a [formal] letter [to be given to] our embassy in Mali [to use as the basis of] negotiations. The content of these note of exchange is in accordance with [the standard of] other nationalist countries' [minzu zhuyi guojia] policies. However [with regards to] the problem of which [side shall] bear the costs [associated with] travel, [when] taking into account Mali's economic situation and our foreign currency usage situation, [we have] changed the method [from that which was] used in the past. Our country shall bear the cost of the experts' travel to Mali [while the] Malinese will be responsible for the cost of the experts returning to China. See the attached draft.

If not [acceptable], please provide instructions.

Attached Documents: Regarding the Exchange of Notes on Chinese Agricultural Experts Going to Mali (1x)

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