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**Cable from the Chinese General Bureau for
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'Regarding the Question of the Experts' Rotation'**

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Summary:

Chinese experts are instructed to remain in Mali, despite problems they are personally facing.

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Regarding the Question of the Experts' Rotation

[To the] [Chinese] Embassy in Mali:

In order to better aid Mali, regarding the issue of rotating the experts, [after] undergoing research, Tang Yaozu cannot return to China until the two newly sent sugar cane experts have arrived in Mali and finished the transition. Other experts, such as Ma Fang, will continue their employment [in Mali]. We intend to rotate [the other experts] prior to the fourth quarter of this year. If individual experts' successors have not [been able to] deploy, then [those experts] cannot be rotated out [but] at that time permission will be given to return to China on leave. The experts' families in China are being properly taken care of by us. Besides, please do forward the consolation letter to our experts and encourage them to make persistent efforts and fulfill their duties. If you have any comments, please reply.

Please try to find out exactly how long the Malian side's need to have our experts stay, and the problem of arranging manpower, rotation, and vacations.

Additionally, according to the telegram of 24 April, Li Xiesheng was asked to return to China.

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