

February 3, 1949 Cable, Joseph Stalin to Anastas Mikoyan

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Summary:

Stalin cable to Mikoyan, asking Mikoyan to bring Mao's attention to the issue of Nanjing'ists taking China's state-owned gold south from evacuated cities and areas in China. Stalin recommends that Mao make the return of this gold a condition for holding talks with the Nanjing'ists.

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(About the Nanjing'ists' removal of state-owned gold and other treasures to the South from the evacuated regions)

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To MIKOYAN:

Focus Mao Zedong's attention on the following question.

According to our trusted information, the Nanjing'ists are taking south from all the evacuated areas and cities of China state-owned gold and other treasures from banks and other institutions. It would be good to raise it as one condition of talks with the Nanjing'ists that they return all these treasures unconditionally and pass them over to the people's liberation democratic forces.

STALIN