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Summary:

Mao informs Stalin that the Chinese volunteers could cross into Korea by October 15.

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from Peking 9 October 1950

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to Filippov

In addition to my 2318 (incoming 25348) I report a telegram from Cde. Mao Zedong addressed to you which I received at 2230 Peking time:

"To Cde. Filippov.

I received your reply telegram with pleasure. The Plenum of the CC of our Party is in full agreement with your opinion. I have already appointed Peng Dehuai as Commanding General and Commissar of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

Cde. Gao Gang is responsible for the support and supply of the volunteer army. They have already flown to Mukden from Peking this morning.

The troops might begin to cross into Korean territory by about 15 October.

I have already informed Cde. Kim Il Sung regarding the decision to send the Chinese volunteer army to Korea.

Cdes. Zhou Enlai and Lin Biao flew took off for your location at 0800 today. Please consider their mission secret.

Mao Zedong 8 October 1950

According to information I have received from Aeroflot Zhou Enlai's group arrived safely in Irkutsk at 1743.

Roshchin

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