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Telegram No. 293, V. Molotov to Cde. Stalin

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Summary:

Molotov writes that Vyshinsky must insist on the Koreans being invited to any discussion on removing foreign troops from Korea. If opposition to such participation holds, the Soviets should abstain from voting on the matter out of principle.

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[Handwritten: Cde Stalin approves]

[Handwritten: illegible word, may possibly mean "Composed by"] Cde. Molotov
[signature]

To Cde. STALIN

Please approve the following draft response to Cde. Vyshinsky:

"408-411

1. In accordance with Paragraphs 3 and 5 of your [Nº] 267, you have to first of all insist on the adoption of a decision about inviting the Koreans and try to ensure that the Korean issue is not discussed prior to the arrival of the Koreans.

This means that, even in case the Soviet proposal about pulling out foreign troops from Korea is discussed first, then you will still have to insist that the proposal is discussed with the participation of the Koreans.

A decision in favor of inviting the Koreans will inevitably lead to postponement of the discussion of the Korean issue, which is advisable.

2. With respect to Paragraph 2 of your proposal, stick to the following position:

a. Oppose American proposals just as you have suggested.

b. If they nevertheless refuse to invite the Koreans, then abstain during the voting for the American proposals, but do not vote against them, and as grounds for abstaining state that you do not deem it possible to take part in the voting without hearing out the Koreans.

3. I agree with your proposals with respect to points 3 and 4. "

V. Molotov

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