

**November 17, 1950**  
**Telegram from Shtykov to Gromyko, transmitting 16**  
**November 1950 message form Kim Il Sung to Stalin**

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**Summary:**

Kim Il Sung asks to send Korean students over in order to learn flying and maintenance techniques.

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Russian

**Contents:**

- English Translation

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From CORRESPONDENT 13 Sent 17.11.50 Received 18.11 4:03-19:35

Sent to 8th Department of the General Staff of the Armed Forces USSR 18.11  
4:20-19:50

By telegraph

extremely urgent

To Comrade GROMYKO

I transmit a note I received from the Korean government with the following  
contents:

"TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE USSR  
Comrade STALIN I.V.

For preparation of pilot cadres needed for the forthcoming offensive operations  
against the American troops I ask you, Comrade STALIN, to allow:

- 1) The preparation of 200-300 pilots on the territory of the Soviet Union from  
among Korean students sent to the USSR for education.
- 2) The preparation of pilots for two regiments of jet planes and one regiment of  
bombers from among the 119 pilots of the Korean People's Army who are being  
trained on the territory of the Soviet Union.
- 3) The dispatch to the Soviet Union of 120 men for the preparation of aviation  
technicians and 30 crew members for attack planes which we ourselves are not  
in a position to prepare.
- 4) By January 1 to send an additional 170 Korean pilots to the Soviet Union for  
flight training, who will have completed theoretical preparation by that time.

I hope that you, comrade STALIN, will assist us in the resolution of these  
questions.

With respect KIM IL SUNG

16.11.50"

No. 15 T. SHTYKOV

17.11.50

Copies: Stalin (2), Molotov, Malenkov, Beria, Mikoyan, Kaganovich, Bulganin,  
Khrushchev, Sokolovsky, Shtemenko, Gromyko, file of 8th Dept. of General  
Staff of Armed Forces