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# Telegram from Kim Il Sung to Stalin (via Shtykov)

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## Summary:

Kim Il Sung requests that Koreans living in the Soviet Union be trained there for service in the Korean Army, explaining that the strong presence of the American military in Korea will not allow for on-site training. Shytkov attached his support of Kim’s request in this telegram to Stalin.

## Original Language:

Russian

## Contents:

Translation - English

Ciphered Telegram # 600382/sh
To Comrade STALIN I.V.

FROM: PYONGYANG
Sent by wire on 10/09/50 at 7:05 a.m.
Received in Moscow on 10/09/50 at 9:38 a.m.
Arrived at the 8D/GS on 10/09/50 at 9:45 a.m.
Deciphered by Morozov on 10/09/50 at 10:45 a.m.
Distribution list - 11 copies: Stalin - 2,
Molotov - 1, Malenkov - 1, Beria - 1, Mikoyan - 1, Kaganovich - 1, Bulganin - 1.
I herewith transmit a letter of the following content addressed to your name from comrade KIM IL SUNG:

"Comrade STALIN Iosif Vissarionovich,

Let me ask you, dear Iosif Vissarionovich, for assistance and advice.

Now it is evident to everybody that having made significant achievements in recent military operations, the American aggressor will not stop at anything short of the complete takeover of all of Korea, and its conversion into its military-strategic springboard for further aggression in the Far East.

In my opinion, the struggle of our people for its independence, freedom and state sovereignty will be protracted and very hard.

For a successful struggle against a strong enemy armed with the latest achievements of military science and technology we will have to train pilots, tankists, radio operators, and engineering officers urgently.

It is very difficult to train them inside our country. Therefore, we turn to you, comrade STALIN, with the following request:

1. To permit the training of 200-300 pilots from among Korean students studying in the Soviet Union.

2. To permit the training of 1,000 tankists, 2,000 pilots, 500 radio operators, and 500 engineering officers from among Soviet Koreans residing in the Soviet Union.

I ask you, comrade STALIN, to render us assistance in this regard.

Respectfully, KIM IL SUNG"

I support KIM IL SUNG'S request.

S H T Y K O V

No. 1447/sh
9 October 1950
Typed by Kravchuk on 10/09/50 at 11:20 a.m.