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Summary:

Pak Seong-cheol passes Puzanov a tentative program for Khrushchev's visit to the DPRK.
Nam Il and Jeong Jun-taek inform Puzanov of the situation of industry in North Korea.

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I visited Pak Seong-cheol at my initiative. I asked the Minister whether one could tentatively get a draft of the program for Cde. N. S. Khrushchev's visit to the DPRK.

The Minister passed me the tentative program and said that it was based on the following when it was drafted:

do not overload the program of Cde. N. S. Khrushchev to the DPRK since there is no opportunity to show him all the most important enterprises and organizations anyway;

offer the most important and leading enterprises of various industrial sectors for Cde. N. S. Khrushchev to visit: metallurgical, the plant in Hwanghae; chemical, the Hungnam mineral fertilizer works; machinebuilding, the Ryon-san plant; light industry, the Pyongyang textile works and the silk-weaving mill. Of the agricultural cooperatives, Chzhoyan[sic] and Lip-sok[sic];

arrange breakfasts and lunches at the same times if possible.

It was arranged that the Embassy would familiarize itself with this preliminary program and also express its view to the Ministry leadership, also tentatively.

I informed the Minister about the letters and telegrams which had come in connection with the upcoming visit to Cde. N. S. Khrushchev to the DPRK.

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I participated in a ceremonial meeting in the Moranbon Theater on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the proclamation of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

Deputy Premier Jeong Jun-taek and DRV Ambassador Trinh Gun Quang[sic] gave speeches.

During an intermission a brief conversation was held with Nam Il and Jeong Jun-taek at a photo exhibit. They reported that at the present time Kim Il Sung was in Hamhung, where it is engaged in the construction of a Vinalon plant. The construction is planned to be finished in May 1961, and the factory begin operation by August

1961. The first phase of the plant is rated for the production of 10,000 tons of Vinalon, of which 60,000,000 meters of clothing fabric will be able to be produced. They also said that the prospects for the harvest of rice, corn, and other crops is considerably better than last year. The typhoon which passed through recently did not cause great damage to agriculture.

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