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**Cable from the Foreign Cultural Liaison Committee,  
'Regarding the Issue of Sending Experts in  
Woodcarving and Ivory to Mali'**

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**Summary:**

The Foreign Cultural Liaison Committee decides that Chinese experts in Mali must be both politically reliable and technically skilled.

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Written Opinion

On 11 December [1964], Comrade Li Yimang said:

"[I] agree. Candidates selection should [treat both] political [appropriateness] and technical skill [as being] important. After going to Mali, oversight and leadership should be strictly under the [authority of the] Embassy [of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Mali's] Cultural Office."

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