



Comment of N. S. Khrushchev

25 February 1963, displaying a telegram, N.S. said: vo [SIC] Chervonenko "was angry". He said, when he delivered a letter (Mao Zedong did not accept it then), they passed it to him that Mao Zedong would accept it. When he arrived at Mao Zedong's, Liu Shaoqi and Zhou Enlai were there. Mao Zedong said that we, too, want to stop this work - speaking against you, we will only speak to the French Communist Party with an explanation; but concerning a meeting we are also ready at any level.

But then some provocateur reported that I was going to India; Mao Zedong said that here Khrushchev is going to India, maybe through China, and we'll talk.

Interesting. We outlined this very correct tactic, and it is already bearing its fruits. Even without an agreement that's what will be evident to all the Communist Parties, that we are not to blame, we did not start the fight, and we are not doing it. Mao Zedong is doing this and has considered that he has already calculated; the arithmetic that it is not in their favor is absolutely correct right now.

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