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During the North Korean delegation's lunch meeting with the Soviets, DPRK leaders speak warmly of the Soviet government and the aid it provided. Kim Il Sung remarks on friction with the Czechoslovak government's position on providing economic assistance.

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I held a comradely lunch at the dacha. Kim Il Sung, Choe Yong-geon [Choe Yong Gon], Pak Jeong-ae [Pak Jong Ae], Kim Il, and Nam Il were present. On our side were Pelishenko, Shesterikov, Kryukov, and Andreyev. The lunch occurred in a warm, comradely atmosphere. In conversation Kim Il Sung and the other Korean comrades repeatedly spoke very warmly about the great attention to the DPRK from the leaders of the CPSU CC and Soviet government and the enormous aid given by the Soviet Union in the recovery and development of the republic's economy. In one of the conversations, as if in passing, Kim Il Sung said: when s Czechoslovak government delegation headed by Cde. Siroky was here we did not ask them for any aid, although we needed it, and expressed some of our requests to the Czechoslovak ambassador before arrival through our minister Nam Il. True, the atmosphere during the delegation's visit and the talks was very warm and friendly, however we did not address any requests to Cde. Siroky. Why? The Korean people are proud and do not like to make frequent requests, said Kim Il Sung, but when Nam Il passed our requests to the ambassador, the latter expressed doubt about the ability to meet [them] inasmuch as, he said, the Czechoslovak Republic itself has certain difficulties. Therefore we did not start to address any requests a second time.

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