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Summary:

Puzanov describes travel arrangements for a North Korean delegation visiting the Soviet Union as well as the signing of the Convention to Settle Border Issues.

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I visited Nam Il. I reminded him about the selection of an additional two or three active participants of the October Revolution and Civil War in the USSR to take part in the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Great October. I did this in connection with the fact that there was a conversation on this issue during the reception.

I also reported that, on order of the Main Directorate of the USSR Civil Air Fleet, commander Bykov of a TU-104 has arrived here in the DPRK to inspect the Suphung airfield for the purpose of its suitability for landing a TU-104 aircraft. In a conversation with me today Bykov reported that it is fully suitable for a landing, which he will report to the leadership of Main Directorate of the Civil Air Fleet. Evidently, a final decision will be made afterwards on which aircraft the Party-government delegation is to be delivered to Moscow.

Nam Il noted that it would be very good and Kim Il Sung would be very glad if the Soviet government found it possible to send a TU-104 for our delegation.

Nam Il reported that Kim Il Sung, Choe Yong-geon [Choe Yong Gon], and Pak Jeong-ae [Pak Yong Ae] are returning from vacation on 15 October.

Nam Il, said, I will suggest to Kim Il Sung that he visit Ukraine while he is in the USSR and go to the factories there which are producing equipment for us.

I asked Nam Il whether they are thinking of also visiting Uzbekistan inasmuch as the draft of the first five-year plan envisions the supply of DPRK industry with cotton from their own production, and attention is being devoted to cultivating grapes and planting gardens on a large scale.

Nam Il said that a visit to Uzbekistan would be very useful and necessary for them, especially consideration those very tasks with which agriculture is faced. For his part he also intends to submit the question of visiting Uzbekistan to Kim Il Sung. Then Nam Il said that after it is determined which cities and enterprises members of the Party-government delegation wish to visit, he will pass these wishes to me to report to Moscow.

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The signing of the Convention to Settle Border Issues was held. Present on the Korean side during the signing were Minister of Internal Affairs Pang Hak-se and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ri Dong-yong.

In the evening Pang Hak-se held a reception.