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Kim Il Sung proposes that a letter be sent to South Korean authorities suggesting the establishment of a Korean Federation.

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Kim Il Sung said, during Cde. N. S. Khrushchev's visit we propose to convene a session of the Supreme People's Assembly at which a letter of appeal to South Korea about the issue of the peaceful reunification of the country would be discussed and adopted. The letter would basically present those proposals which have already been mentioned more than once in certain of our documents. What is new will be the proposal of the creation of a Confederation. I will present the main provisions of this letter of appeal in the report about the 15th anniversary of the Liberation of Korea. The report will also say that if the South Korean government is not ready or is afraid to agree to national elections (after the withdrawal of American troops) in South and North Korea then the DPRK proposes the creation of a Confederation. Without insisting on the disbandment of the capitalist system in South Korea at the present time general issues for all of Korea could be decided through the Confederation. The creation of a Confederation could promote the establishment of contacts and trust between the South and North of Korea, which would prepare the ground for the peaceful reunification of the country. We will ask Cde. N. S. Khrushchev to speak at this session of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly...

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