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Pak Seong-cheol delivers a request to Puzanov for Soviet assistance in expanding energy production in North Korea.

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I visited Pak Seong-cheol [Pak Song Chol] at his request.

Referring to instructions of his government Pak Seong-cheol passed the Embassy a DPRK government note (N^o 396) addressed to the Soviet government. This note says that in order to meet the growing needs of the economy for electrical power the DPRK government is providing for the construction of large-capacity thermal power stations along with the construction of hydroelectric stations in the second five-year plan. In connection with this the DPRK government is addressing a request to the Soviet government to provide technical help by sending skilled specialists to assist in the planning and manufacture of turbine generators (60 Hz, 6-25,000 kilovolt-amperes), turbines, boilers, etc. The request is first of all to send three specialist as soon as possible to draw up and discuss the plan of work for the design and the plan to invite Soviet specialists.

I told Pak Seong-cheol that the DPRK government note would be sent to Moscow immediately.

Then the Minister, referring to the fact that a considerable part of the DPRK MFA senior officials are traveling or busy carrying out CC assignments, apologized that he could not until now select a time for my report about the results of Cde. N. S. Khrushchev's trip to the countries of Southeast Asia which had been the subject of discussion on 15 March.

I replied to the Minister that we had no questions in this connection.

The conversation was interpreted by Embassy interpreter D. A. Priyemsky.

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