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Summary:

Mao reports to Stalin regarding an enemy aircraft attempting to sever Chinese-Soviet communication lines in Korea. Mao requests the Soviet air force assistance.

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to Cde. FILIPPOV

1. At the present time the main efforts of enemy aircraft in Korea have been directed at the destruction of the lines of communication of our forces.

The air unit led by General Lobov and the Chinese air units have achieved great successes in the air battles which have been fought. The anti-aircraft units of the Soviet Union and China have also achieved good results in directing anti-aircraft fire. They are playing a great role in protecting the lines of communication. However, the strength of our forces is insufficient and they cannot secure communications traffic more reliably, therefore I am asking you to study the possibility of the Government of the Soviet Union sending one more three-regiment anti-aircraft division to North Korea to reinforce the air defense of rail shipments and the airfield network in the area of [Ansyu].

2. The majority of Chinese air units which have completed combat training are concentrated in northeast China to prepare to take part in combat operations in Korea, and therefore the air defense equipment in the interior of China is insufficient. In addition, 463 YaK-11 pilots will complete training in Chinese aviation schools in November- December 1951.

According to the plan you earlier indicated it is intended to form three MIG-9 fighter divisions, one TU-2 bomber division, one IL-10 ground attack division, two LA-11 reconnaissance regiments, one LA-9 fighter regiment, and one LI-2 transport regiment.

Considering the current state of our Air Force the Chinese comrades will not be able themselves to cope with the task of training personnel to become proficient in combat aircraft within the periods desired by 15 March 1952, after the formation of the above divisions and regiments. Therefore I request the Government of the Soviet Union give the following aid:

1. Send three jet fighter divisions and three air maintenance battalions to China with equipment to train three Chinese IAD [fighter aviation division] and six MIG-9 air maintenance support detachments, and also to reinforce the air defenses of the [Beijing], Shanghai, and Canton regions.

2. Send the personnel to China of one regiment (without materiel) and one air maintenance battalion with equipment to train two Chinese reconnaissance regiments and two LA-11 air technical maintenance detachments.

3. Send the personnel to China of one regiment (without materiel) and one air maintenance battalion with equipment to train one Chinese ShAD [ground attack division] and two IL-10 air technical maintenance detachments.

4. The Chinese Air Force will be able to cope with the formation and training of one TU-2 BAD [bomber aviation division], one LA-9 IAP [fighter aviation regiment], and one LI-2 transport regiment themselves, however I request that 14 advisers be sent for the bomber division and five advisers for the LA-9 fighter regiment by December 1951.

With your permission, the remaining advisers will be selected from the divisions and regiments which are being trained.

Please report your decision about the above questions. Greetings.

MAO ZEDONG

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