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Telegram, Zhou Enlai to Li Kenong (excerpt)

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Summary:

In this telegram Zhou Enlai instructs Li Kenong to travel with Molotov to Geneva because Zhou needs to remain in Beijing to receive instructions from the Central Committee before leaving for Geneva.

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Chinese

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Translation - English

After meeting with Comrade Ho Chi Minh, I return from Guangxi to Beijing today.

The charge d'affair of the Soviet Union informed us yesterday that Comrade Molotov was scheduled to fly to Geneva on the 7th to meet with Mendes-Francis, and he hoped that I also rushed back to Geneva in an early date, so as to promote the development of the negotiation. After asking for instruction from the Central Committee, I will need to stay in Beijing for two to three days before leaving [for Geneva]. Therefore I hope that you try to travel with Comrade Molotov on the 7th. If there is not sufficient time for this, then try to travel to Geneva on the 8th. For this matter please contact the Soviet side immediately, so that you may leave on the 7th or the 8th.