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On the Agenda of the 4th KWP Congress and the Planned Activities of Fraternal Parties

To the International Liaison Department of the Central Committee:

Copy: Comrades [Deng] Xiaoping, Kang Sheng, and [Wu] Xiuquan:

Today [September 7, 1961], the Chief of the KWP International Department, Pak Yong-guk, introduced the planned activities schedule for fraternal party delegations to all of the ambassadors [in Pyongyang]. The contents [of what Pak said] are as follows:

After the delegations arrive in Pyongyang, Kim Il Sung and other responsible comrades of the [KWP] Central Committee will greet them at the airport or the train station. There will not be any ceremonies at the airport or train station, though the responsible comrades of the Central Committee will escort the delegations directly to the hotel. After the delegations arrive [at the hotel], according to the customs of [North] Korea, they will await the responsible comrades to greet them at the hotel; there will not be an official call. On the evening before the start of the Congress, the responsible comrades of the Central Committee will visit the delegations' residences individually to specifically discuss the activities schedule.

The Congress will begin on [September] 11 and last for a total of eight days (not including Sunday). On the first day, Comrade Kim Il Sung will give the report of the Party Central Committee's work; on the second and third days, [we] will hear the report of the work of the Inspection Committee and begin the Congress speeches. Accordingly, Kim Il will give the report on the Seven-Year Plan. On the final day, the leading organs will be selected. All delegation members will be on the chairman's stage; accompanying personnel will be below. The order of the delegations' congratulatory remarks is as follows: the CPSU and the CCP, the party delegations of socialist countries (according to Korean alphabetical order), Cuba, and delegations from capitalist countries (according to Korean alphabetical order). The Congress will be translated into Russian, Chinese, English, French, and Japanese. Delegations can attend the Congress every day (except during the elections); they can also attend the first three days, the day of the report on the Seven-Year Plan, and the closing ceremony and they may also use two or three days to tour Pyongyang.

There are activities in Pyongyang following the conclusion of the Congress: there will be a banquet for the delegations, a mass meeting (several fraternal party delegates will speak), and mass games performed by students. Kim Il Sung and the responsible comrades of the Central Committee will attend the abovementioned activities. After the conclusion of the activities in Pyongyang, [the delegates] can tour around the country. There are four options: (1) Hamheung; (2) Sinuiju; (3) Cheongjin, and (4) Wonsan, with a stop in Hamheung afterwards. Mass meetings to celebrate the successful closing of the Fourth Congress will be held in each city; some of the delegations of the fraternal parties are welcome to speak at the mass meetings.

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