

Mao Zedong Sends Telegram to Rao Shushi and Others Regarding the Issue of Democratic Figures Observing Land Reform

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In a telegram to Rao Shushi, Deng Zihui, Deng Xiaoping, and Xi Zhongxun, Mao Zedong stated that if democratic figures and university professors wish to observe land reform, they should be allowed to do so freely. There should be no prior arrangements or orchestrated visits—they should be free to see what they wish, including both the positive and the negative aspects. This is the proper way to educate them. The visits by Wu Jingchao (a professor of sociology at Tsinghua University) and Zhu Guangqian (a professor of Western literature at Peking University) to observe land reform near Xi'an had a very positive impact. Such examples should be used to educate our cadres and break the mindset of closed-doorism.