

MEMORANDUM OF THE PREMIER OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE'S  
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To the CPC Central Committee

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To the Chairman and Comrades of the Central Committee

1. In connection with the issue of the work of Soviet specialists, I invited Ambassador Kuznetsov, Chief Advisor (representative of the government network) and Trade Representative of the USSR to the PRC, for a conversation on May 6 and June 8. In the conversation on May 6, based on the summarized materials of the inspection of the work of specialists in various sectors, I paid special attention to the analysis of the shortcomings in the work of our comrades with foreign specialists and suggested that they study the issue of the procedure for sending specialists in the future. After the conversation, I handed over one copy of the above-mentioned materials to Ambassador Kuznetsov. During the conversation on June 8, Ambassador Kuznetsov verbally informed me of the USSR's position on the future uniform procedure for issuing invitations for specialists. I was satisfied with the report. We propose to hold a meeting this month with the participation of responsible comrades from various central departments inviting specialists to discuss the issue of improving their work. It is intended to hear their opinions, after which, based on a summary of various points of view, a draft resolution on improving the work of specialists will be developed. After its approval by the Central Committee, it will be published.
2. In order to centralize the management of specialists and the work on issuing invitations, distributing specialists, communicating with them and monitoring their activities, it is proposed to create a group under the State Council to deal with specialists' work, consisting of nine comrades – Wu Xiuquan, Qi Yanming, Xiao Xiangrong, Yang Fangzhi, Wang Guangwei, Qian Junrui, Zhu Qiwen, Lai Zule, Ma Le. The group's leader is Wu Xiuquan. The Office for Specialists' Work and the Department for Services to Specialists under the State Council are returned to direct subordination to the State Council as a working organ of the group for specialists' affairs. It is assumed that the head of the office will be Yang Fangzhi, and the head of the department for services will be Lai Zule.
3. In 1953, after the summer holidays, it is proposed to invite an additional 147 people to work in the cultural and educational system, replace three people, and extend the invitation of 113 specialists. The actual increase will be 116 people. The State Council Legislation Committee proposes to additionally invite 7 people. After this proposal is approved, the Central Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will take up the resolution of this issue.

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