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Telegram, Mao Zedong to Liu Shaoqi

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Summary:

Mao Zedong informs Liu Shaoqi that Zhang Wentian, not Zhang Hanfu, ought to be appointed as the PRC Ambassador to the United Nations.

Original Language:

Chinese

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- English Translation
- Chinese Transcription

[...]

Comrade [Liu] Shaoqi:

(1) This afternoon, at 4:30, I had a telephone conversation with [Zhou] Enlai (he has arrived in Sverdlovsk and will, probably, arrive in Moscow on 20 January, at 5:00 p.m.), and we felt that as Zhang Hanfu does not have the necessary prestige and qualification, he should be assigned as a deputy. It is more appropriate to let Luo Fu become China's chief representative to the United Nations. A telegram to the United Nations has been drafted, and if the Central Committee agrees, please dispatch it and publish it tomorrow, on the 19th.

(2) According to [Zhou] Enlai, both Gao Gang and [Li] Fuchun agree that Luo Fu [Zhang Wentian] is qualified to be [China's] diplomatic representative. But Luo Fu himself is yet to be informed. When you publish the telegram [to the United Nations], please send a telegram to Luo Fu at the same time, explaining that as we did not have enough time, we were unable to get his consent in advance, and that we thus ask for his understanding. He will be notified in a separate telegram for the time of his departure for the United Nations.

(3) The completion of the procedure on his nomination can be waited until the convening of the sixth session of the Government Council. If you feel necessary, you may summon the vice-chairpersons of the government and the leading members of the major parties for a discussion tomorrow, the 19th.

(4) Since [Zhou] Enlai will soon come to Moscow, the statement can be issued in Li Kenong's name.

(5) As what you did the last time, after the telegram is dispatched, copies of it should be sent to the diplomats of the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, and other countries in Beijing.

(6) When the Xinhua News Agency publishes the news, it must be introduced that Zhang Wentian is a member of the CCP Central Committee, that he participated in the 25,000-li Long March, and that he has been responsible for various kinds of revolutionary work.

(7) Please let me know of the progress of your arrangement on this matter.

Mao Zedong

5:00 p.m., 18 January [1950]

[...]

少奇同志：

(一) 今日下午四半与恩通 (他已到斯德洛夫斯克, 廿日下午五可莫斯科), 得章夫望方面有不之, 可作副手, 出席合中代表首席代表以洛甫任适宜, 起草了一致合, 如中央同意即于明十九日出并公支衰。(二) 据恩, 高、富春都洛甫可充外交代表, 惟未事先征得洛甫本人同意。你于表之同去一洛甫, 明因系不及征求他同意, 他解, 至身去合的另通知。(三) 政府委完成任命手可待第六次之。如你有必要, 可于明十九日; 邀集政席(府) 各副主席及各党派主要人一。(四) 因恩即到莫斯科, 故照用李克名。(五) 此照和上次照一, 于出后, 并分送在京捷波英法荷等外交人。(六) 新社布新, 介天是中共中央委, 曾加二万五千里征及各革命工作。(七) 理情形望告。

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