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**Description:**

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Your telegram of October 13 has been received.

1. In order to defend China and aid Korea, we have decided to dispatch the Volunteers to the northern part of Korea still under control [of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea] today. There they will first get a firm foothold and then wait for opportunities to wage mobile warfare in support of the continued struggle of the Korean people. For several months, we will resort *only to action and no talk*, and we shall not reveal any information in the newspapers for propaganda purposes. We can only inform senior leading cadres within the Party of the matters [they need to know] to carry out [their] job assignments. Various central bureaus should make a point of this.

2. The 48th Corps may assemble next March. We will let you know if it is necessary to assemble [the corps] before then.