

Comments on the Issues Regarding the Taiwan Invasion

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Nie:

Wait until Su arrives, then convene relevant personnel for discussions and resolutions.

Mao Zedong

Notes:

1. This comment by Mao Zedong was addressed to Nie Rongzhen, acting Chief of Staff of the People's Revolutionary Military Committee of the Central People's Government, in response to a telegram from Su Yu, Deputy Commander of the Third Field Army and Deputy Commander of the East China Military Region, dated May 28, 1950. The telegram was sent to Zhang Zhen, Chief of Staff of the Third Field Army and the East China Military Region, who was attending an all-army staff meeting in Beijing.
2. In his telegram, Su Yu stated: "To ensure a superior force for the Taiwan invasion, we welcome the participation of 3 to 4 armies from the Fourth Field Army (though too many could impact Central South's defense). The three most critical issues for the Taiwan campaign remain the vessels for the first-wave crossing, breaking through the coastal defenses during the landing, and repelling enemy tank counterattacks at the front lines. Please consult and resolve these issues as soon as possible."