

Central Propaganda Department Forwards Comrade Luo Ruiqing's Report on Studying Stalin's Essays

Date: November 1952

Instruction from the Central Propaganda Department:

Comrade Luo Ruiqing's report is very good. It is being forwarded to you for reference and emulation.

November

The Party Group of the Ministry of Public Security recently held a special discussion on the Central Committee's directive regarding the study of Comrade Stalin's essays and the documents from the 19th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. It was unanimously recognized that the Central Committee's directive is of great importance—particularly in systematically organizing theoretical study for senior cadres, which has a highly enlightening and motivating effect.

Until now, theoretical study among senior cadres in the Ministry of Public Security has not been properly organized and has never been carried out systematically. This situation must be thoroughly changed with the utmost determination, in accordance with the Central Committee's directive. Therefore, in addition to organizing study among all cadres as instructed by the Central Committee, the Party Group has made the following decisions regarding the study for Party Group members and other senior cadres (department-level) who regularly attend Party Group meetings:

1. A study group will be formed with the 20 Party Group members and senior cadres who regularly attend Party Group meetings. Luo Ruiqing, Secretary of the Party Group, will serve as the group leader, and Xu Zirong will be the deputy group leader. Two comrades will be appointed as secretaries.
2. The group will meet for centralized study every Wednesday and Saturday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. (No fixed daily individual study time is set aside in addition to this.) At the beginning of organizing study, such centralized sessions are entirely necessary.
3. During study hours, all office work and meetings with visitors must cease. Except for serious illness or critical work requiring leave, no one is allowed to take leave, arrive late, or leave early. All participating comrades must arrange their work appropriately and strictly adhere to the study schedule.
4. According to the Central Committee's plan, the study period is provisionally set for three months: one month will be devoted to studying Comrade Stalin's speech at the 19th Congress and Comrade Malenkov's report; the remaining two months will focus on *Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR*. A detailed step-by-step study plan will also be formulated.
5. A discussion meeting will be held every one or two weeks. Participants must prepare thoroughly before the meetings and speak actively during them. Before each discussion, one or more key speakers will be designated in rotation. Those chosen must not decline and must prepare conscientiously to share their own understanding—not speak perfunctorily.
6. Keeping study notes on a daily basis will not be mandatory, but participants may take notes at any time while reading or discussing. After finishing the study of the 19th Congress documents, every participant—without exception—must write a study summary. There is no word limit. The group leader and deputy leader will read these and circulate them for sharing.

7. In addition to studying well themselves, members of the study group should assist cadres in their own departments to study. When necessary, the discussion sessions of the study group may be appropriately expanded, and after the discussions, selected comrades may give study reports to all cadres. Those selected must not decline.

These decisions have already been implemented. The first collective study session was held on November 12. Everyone was very serious and confident in continuing the sessions, fully confirming the Central Committee's statement that "senior cadre study can be carried out if there is determination."

It is expected that difficulties will arise during the study process: some comrades may find it hard to absorb the material, and others may begin enthusiastically but gradually lose interest. However, by adopting the approaches of seeking advice with humility, mutual assistance, and persistent leadership, these difficulties can be overcome.

This report serves as a record of the start of our study and is submitted for your instruction.