Letter From Mao Zedong to I.V. Stalin Concerning Natural Rubber, Equipment Deliveries, And The Dispatch Of Soviet Specialists To China

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To Comrade Filippov

A group of Soviet specialists, led by Comrade Koldanov, after surveying the rubber tree growing areas in China's Guangdong and Guangxi provinces, submitted to us on December 25, 1951, written roposals on the possibility of developing rubber tree production.

We agree with these proposals.

One thousand students and professors from the forestry and agricultural institutes have already been dispatched.

Upon arrival in the rubber tree growing areas, they will conduct a specific survey and determine the areas where rubber tree plantations are proposed. We have decided to expand the area under hevea cultivation to 10 million Chinese mu within three years, thereby increasing rubber production to 250,000 tons annually.

In order to implement the above plan and in accordance with your telegram of September 10, 1951, we are asking the Soviet government for assistance in the form of tractors, vehicles, fuel, harrows, plows, and other equipment (see attached list). The list of these types of equipment has been compiled by Chinese specialists based on general data. Due to their lack of experience, it may be extremely inaccurate.

If you agree to provide us with the equipment, we will dispatch specialists to Moscow who, with the assistance of the body you have appointed, will review these issues and make appropriate decisions. If we have any new needs in the future, we will contact you again.

As for the equipment for which an agreement has been reached, we would like it to be delivered to China in two batches in May and June of this year, so that So that work on raising and cultivating virgin lands can begin in the second half of this year.

Do you consider it possible for reimbursement for the cost of technical equipment to be made in 7-8 years, i.e., when the Chinese government is able to obtain rubber, and for this reimbursement to be made on schedule in the form of rubber deliveries?

Please consider our proposal.

At the same time, we are asking the Soviet government to send us 31 specialists and 26 technical personnel (a total of 57 people) to provide assistance.

These specialists and technical personnel can be sent in three groups. Group 1: 2 mechanical specialists, 3 mechanical engineers.

A total of 5 people. It would be desirable for this group to arrive in China by the end of April to participate in planning the placement of tractor stations, repair shops, and fuel depots. Group 2: 1 senior advisor on rubber tree breeding, 1 seed specialist, 3 nursery specialists, 4 state farm

organization specialists, 1 rubber research specialist, and 4 afforestation specialists. A total of 14 people. It is desirable for this group to arrive in China by the end of May. Group 3: 2 mechanics, 10 mechanical engineers, 26 technical and repair personnel, a total of 38 people. It is desirable for this group to arrive in China by the end of June.

Please review my telegram and inform me of your decision.

List of required machines and materials

(submitted using the following form: 1 - name, 2 - quantity).

1. S-80 tractor - 77 units.

2. DT-54 tractor - 223 units, including 120 units with a power take-off shaft.

3. D210B stump puller-collector - 21 units.

4. PKB2-54 two-furrow shrub and marsh plow - 153 units.

5. D174-A brush cutter - 48 units.

6. UTUGARP-5-35-M five-furrow tractor-mounted hoe - 151 units.

7. KAP-3 continuous tillage cultivator - 223 units.

8. ZIG-ZAG5T tooth harrows - 764 units.

9. Three-furrow plow with subsoiler P-3-3-P - 252 units.

10. Trailed three-bar mower K-6 - 120 units.

11. Wide-cut rake GPT-14.5 - 120 units.

12. Horse-drawn sprayer OMP-A - 50 units.

13. Hitches for two-furrow plows PKB2-54 - 76 units.

14. Hitches for three-furrow plows P-3-30-P - 77 units.

15. Trucks "ZIS-150" - 60 units, also "GAZ-51" - 40 units.

16. Tank trucks - 40 units.

17. Mobile repair shops - 20 units.

18. Requirement for tool kits required for repairing 30 tractors and trailed agricultural machinery in the field - 10 kits.

19. Equipment for repair shops capable of overhauling 50 tractors within two months, or simultaneously repairing 12 tractors in one workshop - 6 kits.

20. Spare parts for routine and overhaul of tractors:

a) S-80 - 77 kits; b) DT-54 - 223 kits.

21. 50 kW diesel power plants - 16 kits.

22. 500-ton storage tanks for petroleum products - 10 units.

23. Ditto for 30 tons - horizontal - 120 units.

24. Lubricating oils (in drums): a) Summer diesel - 980 tons; b) Avtol 18 - 1070 tons; c) Summer Nigrol automotive and tractor oil - 446 tons; d) Summer solid oil - 535 tons.

Tractor and other agricultural machinery delivery plan (submitted in the following form: 1. Machine name and type; 2. Quantity.

3. Delivery date by May 31. 4. Delivery date by July 1).

1. S-80-77 tractor, 17.60 kg.

2. ZIS-150 trucks, 60.60 kg, none.

3. GAZ-51 trucks, 40.40 kg, none.

4. Tank trucks - 40, 40, none.

5. Mobile repair shops - 20, 10, 10.

6. 50 kW diesel power plants - 16, 16, none.

7. 500-ton oil product storage tanks - 10, 10, none.

8. 30-ton horizontal tanks - 120, 120, none.

Note: Other tractors and agricultural machinery listed in Appendix No. 1 and not included in the table in Appendix No. 2 are due to arrive by July 1, 1952.

Lubricating Oil Delivery Plan

(submitted in the following format: 1. Name. 2. Total in tons (in barrels).

3. Delivery order by May 31. 4. Delivery order

by November 31.

1. Summer diesel - 980, 490, 490.

2. Avtol 18-1070, 535, 535.

3. Summer Nigrol automotive and tractor oil - 446, 223, 223.

4. Summer solid oil - 535, 267, 268.

Greetings.

Mao Zedong