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**Antonov to Marshal Malinovsky, the Commanding
General of the Transbaykal-Amur Military District**

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Summary:

Soviet General Aleksei Antonov informs Marshal Malinovsky and V. M. Molotov that the People's Commissar of Defense has ordered Soviet troops to maintain good relations with the Republic of China and avoid letting the Chinese communists draw the Soviet Union into confrontation with the United States.

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SPECIAL IMPORTANCE

[handwritten: ?report?
to Cde. Molotov]

TO MARSHAL MALINOVSKY, THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE
TRANSBAYKAL-AMUR MILITARY DISTRICT

The People's Commissar of Defense has ordered:

1. Immediately strengthen the garrisons of our troops in Mukden and Changchun in order to reliably ensure order in these cities.

2. Halt the departure of our troops from Manchuria and hold the troops located in Manchuria at the lines they now hold until special instructions of the General Staff. [handwritten in the right margin, continuing at the bottom of the page: "in the event..."]. You and the staff are to remain in Changchun until special instructions of the General Staff.

Do not enter into conflict [handwritten above: Have good relations] with representatives of the Chinese government troops and help them carry out the measures provided by the Soviet-Chinese agreement of 14 August of this year.

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3. Report about instructions issued.

ANTONOV.

16 November 1945

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[Handwritten: ...of the approach of so-called Communist detachments to occupy Changchun, Mukden, and other points, drive them away by force and do not let them [get] to these points.

Bear in mind that these detachments want to drag us into conflict with the US, which cannot be permitted.]