

**November 5, 1949**

**Cable Telegram no. 20475 from Gromyko to Kovalev**

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**Summary:**

Gromyko demands Kovalev to pass the reply of Stalin to Mao Zedong in response to his telegram regarding the Workers' Party of South Korea.

**Original Language:**

Russian

**Contents:**

Translation - English

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TOP SECRET  
Spets № 198

Outgoing № 20475  
Received at 0250 5 November 1949  
Sent at 0355 5 November 1949

Cable  
to PEKING  
to KOVALEV  
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[Translator's note: one version of  
this document has "via GRU cipher" here]

Pass the following reply of Filippov [Stalin] to Mao Zedong in response to his telegram  
of 21 October:

"To Cde. Mao Zedong.

In connection with your telegram of 21 October on the question of Korea we consider  
it necessary to inform you that we hold to the same opinion on the question you  
touched upon and at one time [we] gave our advice to the Korean friends in the same  
spirit.

FILIPPOV"

Telegraph when this is done.

GROMYKO

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5 November 1949 Authenticated: [illegible signature]

Copies

1. to Cde. Stalin
2. to Cde. Molotov
3. to Cde. Malenkov
4. to the 10th Department
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