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to North Korea Vasily Moskovsky and First Deputy
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Summary:

Report from Soviet Ambassador Moskovsky on a conversation he held with Kim Il at the 15th anniversary celebration of the founding of the DPRK.

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[I] was present at the conversation of the First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Kim Il, with the delegation of the Soviet-Korean Friendship Society. At the beginning of the reception Kim Il thanked the members of the delegation for coming to the 15th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the DPRK. In this connection, the head of the delegation comrade Stepakov V.I. replied that the delegation was quite grateful for the invitation. We stand, continued comrade Stepakov, for the strengthening of friendship, for its development, for we believe that this is useful both for the Soviet and for the Korean peoples. We have no reasons to be poor friends. We look at this invitation as an effort to further strengthen Korean-Soviet friendship and we approach this visit very responsibly.

Kim Il hesitated somewhat and replied that the friendship between the Korean and the Soviet peoples has great meaning and that he does not think that our friendship is a poor one.