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the CCP, 'On Some Situations Involving the Fourth
Congress of the Korean Workers' Party'**

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Hao Deqing reports on planning and invitations for the Korean Workers' Party 4th Congress.

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To the Central Committee [of the Chinese Communist Party]:

On the morning of August 21 [1961], I notified Pak Yong-guk, Chief of the KWP Central Committee International Department, of the delegation chief and delegate names from our Party attending the Fourth Congress of the Korean Workers' Party Central Committee. According to what Chief Pak said, at present four or five countries have officially notified [the KWP] of the rosters of their delegations ([he] did not say which countries); [he] also said the Soviet Union has not confirmed attendance. [North] Korea invited representatives from the parties of some 50 countries, and estimates that, aside from some individual parties (underground parties) who cannot come due to visa issues, most of them will come, including several via Beijing: Indonesia, India, Japan, Australia, Malaya, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, and Ceylon [Sri Lanka], or about ten delegations.

The Congress will open on September 11 and conclude on [September] 19. Except for a day of rest on Sunday, the Congress will convene for a total of eight days. After the conclusion of the Congress, there will be a mass meeting in Pyongyang in which Comrade Deng Xiaoping is invited to make a speech. [Pak] also said there are plans to tour around [North Korea] for about a week total. It is planned that mass meetings will also be organized around the country, and the delegates may be invited to speak. On the issue of participation, it can be agreed upon once the delegations arrive [in Pyongyang].

The [North] Korean side hopes for [us] to tell them as soon as possible the arrival date and transportation arrangements (plane or train) as well as the accompanying personnel of our delegation so that they can take care of accommodations and other issues.

Since many delegations are coming [to this Congress], I predict that some them may put forth [requests] to visit China. Please advise what I should express if I encounter such a situation.

Hao Deqing
August 21, 1961

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