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**Special Report No.1 from the Korean Embassy in
China to the Office of the President, 'The Secret
Sino-Soviet Military Agreement'**

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The Korean embassy in Taipei reports to Syngman Rhee with details on the alleged 'secret Sino-Soviet military agreement'.

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SPECIAL REPORT NO.1

Korean Embassy in China,
Taipei, 2 January, 1951.

SUBJECT: The Secret Sino-Soviet Military Agreement
TO : Office of the President
FROM : Korean Embassy in China

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Soviet Russia will subsidize Red China, as from September, 1950, the equivalent of US \$24,000,000 monthly as war expenses until the main fighting in the Far Eastern theater comes to an end.

Red China, on the other hand, will supply the Soviet-controlled area with 4,000,000 able-bodied workmen during the period July, 1951 and thereafter maintain a monthly quota of 600,000 men.

Red China's 4,500,000 men field army will be organized after the pattern of the Soviet infantry, and equipped with U. S. and Soviet-type weapons. Soviet Russia will also supply the army, on a give-away basis, ammunition and other military equipments.

1,500,000 men of Red China's field army, including an armored division, one mechanized division, three independent artillery units, nine mechanized anti-air raid corps, will be supplementary equipped by Soviet Russia before January, 1951, and be put under the training of Soviet advisers.

Soviet Russia will supply the Red China airforce with 320 recent model planes of various types(including 216 fighters and 54 light and medium bombers). This strength will be maintained and replenished whenever necessary in the course of the total war. Accordingly, Soviet Russia will supply the required

number of airmen , until an adequate number of Chinese airmen is trained.

Soviet Russia is tentatively prepared to equip before July 1951 eleven divisions of Korean infantry, nine divisions of Japanese people's army, and the equivalent of 15 battalions in various districts in the Far East. If the number is found inadequate, China will supply reinforcements.


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