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On 10th October [...] I paid a visit to Comrade German Ambassador Richard Fischer [...]. Comrade Fischer spoke about the situation of this place, he told me that here, the situation was completely different from that in China. When he arrived in Pyongyang last year and paid an introductory visit to Comrade Kim Il-sung, Comrade Kim Il-sung told him that he [Kim Il-sung] considered him not as an ambassador but as a friend who came to help. Unfortunately, he has not experienced that everywhere, because the Korean comrades, whatever comes up, say yes to everything, including tasks of which they certainly know that they cannot carry them out. In his opinion, friends could safely speak among themselves about the difficulties and shortcomings which naturally exist after such a destructive war. In his view, China is much ahead [of North Korea] also in this respect, people are much more frank and open there. Although there were backward conditions and a long dual oppression [in China] too, the Chinese leaders are wonderful, and the people follow them with complete confidence and enthusiasm. [...]

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