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According to the reply of the competent head of the MID [the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union], since Pak Son Chol's visit to Moscow, there has been a slow shift forward in Soviet-Korean relations. The enforcement of economic agreements is under way. The Koreans have not given up yet their request for the building of a nuclear plant, which cannot be fulfilled by the Soviet party. Their demand for the supply of arms is of extremely great volume, which the Soviet Union will partly respond to. During the forwarding formalities in the exchange of goods this year, the Korean side is applying the usual methods, their supply arrears for the first quarter are considerable.

The Korean side urges the visit of a Soviet delegation to Korea headed by Mazurov, which, in turn, would be followed by Kim Ir Sen's official visit to the Soviet Union, this request will be satisfied by the Soviet side, but the delegation is likely to be headed by another PB member instead of the ailing Mazurov.

According to the evaluation of the Soviet side, Chinese-Korean relations have become estranged in the era of the new Chinese leadership.

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