

**Telegram from Stalin to North Korea advising that they reply to UN Secretary General Trygve Lie's concerns for treatment of POW's through a radio broadcast by a POW saying that prisoners are being treated well by the KPA.**

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CIPHERED TELEGRAM No. 37219  
Pyongyang, Soviet Ambassador.

Advise the Koreans immediately to reply to [UN Secretary General] Trygve Lie that the Korean army is strictly adhering to the Geneva convention with regard to prisoners, and [that they should] let the Koreans make a statement in the press exposing the slander of the American press regarding poor treatment of prisoners by the Koreans. It would be good for someone among the prisoners to make a statement on the radio that the treatment of prisoners by the Koreans is very good.

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Copies: Stalin (2), Molotov.  
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