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Date: August 10, 1938 | Moscow

To: All Deputy Commissars, Department Heads, and Regional NKVD Directors  
From: Office of the People's Commissar for Internal Affairs Subject:  
Consolidated Directive following Far Eastern Incident and Recent  
Operational Irregularities

Comrades,

The Presidium has expressed grave concern following the recent defection of former Far Eastern Chief Genrikh Lyushkov to the Japanese authorities. Intelligence received through the Border Guards' 3rd Section confirms that the traitor has provided sensitive operational information regarding internal troop deployments, labor camp logistics, and recent counterintelligence operations in the Vladivostok and Khabarovsk regions. This act of betrayal has placed ongoing operations at risk and demands immediate and comprehensive corrective action.

In light of this, the following measures are to be implemented without delay:

1. All Far Eastern NKVD personnel are to undergo immediate verification under Article 58 procedures.
2. The Directorate for Special Tasks is to identify and neutralize remaining associates of Lyushkov.
3. The Department of Internal Security will conduct a loyalty audit of senior officers within the GUGB.
4. Border Troops under Comrade Maslennikov are to reinforce all crossings along the Ussuri River.
5. Propaganda and press materials concerning the Lake Khasan engagement shall be coordinated with Comrade Vyshinsky to preserve the Party's narrative of vigilance and triumph.

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Comrade Beria will oversee the immediate reorganization of the Transcaucasian networks to ensure unified oversight and prevent similar breaches. Reports of compliance and summary of findings are to be delivered to the Central Secretariat no later than 14 August 1938. Delays or obfuscation will be considered willful negligence.

Furthermore, a meeting of select senior officers and department heads of the NKVD will be convened on the evening of 15 August 1938 at the Lubyanka Headquarters. Attendance is mandatory for all individuals holding director-level or equivalent positions within the Commissariat. The purpose of this meeting shall be to determine the extent of infiltration within our ranks and to formulate decisive measures for restoration of complete internal integrity.

**Remember:** the vigilance of the Chekist is the shield of the Revolution. Any trace of disloyalty or hesitation must be rooted out before it contaminates the strength of the Soviet State.

For the People's Commissar,  
Nikolai Yezhov  
People's Commissar for Internal Affairs

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