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Greetings from the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Spain

[On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the great October Socialist Revolution, Jose Diaz, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Spain, sent the following greeting to the peoples of the U.S.S.R.—The Editors.]

Free peoples of the Soviet Union! You are about to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of your glorious revolution which placed into the hands of the workers and peasants, into the hands of all working people, the means of production, science, culture and art— all spheres of human creative work. You have raised industry, science and art to such heights during the last twenty years as can only be achieved under the leadership of the Bolshevik Party.

“Today, on the twentieth anniversary of the great October Socialist Revolution, tremendous masses of working people throughout the world, in whose hearts dwell the ideals of social justice, progress and peace, are mustered round the Soviet peoples. Among these masses of people a prominent place is occupied by the Spanish people, their heroic fighters, their workers and peasants who ardently love the Soviet Union and know its magnanimity and warm solidarity. On behalf of the Communist Party and the whole of the Spanish people fighting with indomitable tenacity against the aggressors, I send you ardent greetings and assure you that we shall conquer all difficulties, we shall succeed in destroying fascism and driving it out of our land forever.

“Long live the great Soviet people and their beloved leader Comrade Stalin!

“Long live international solidarity!

“Long live the Spain that has driven the aggressors out, Spain free and progressive!”

GREETINGS FROM DOLORES IBARRURI TO THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THE U.S.S.R.

“Brothers of the great Socialist Fatherland! It is with the deepest joy and satisfaction that you are about to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of your liberating revolution.

“We, on the other hand, are experiencing the horrors of war, in a bloody struggle symbolic of the struggle between the forces of the past and the forces of the future—the forces of peace and of progress.

“In these days, so auspicious for you, so severe for us, we send you our ardent revolutionary greetings, and seize upon the cry coming from the trenches which are drenched in the blood of our heroes:

“Long live the U.S.S.R.! Long live Comrade Stalin—the defender of heroic Spain! Long live free and democratic Spain!”

THE HEAD OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT NEGRIN—TO THE SOVIET UNION

“The twentieth anniversary of Soviet state is an instructive example especially for Spain. In a minimum space of time, the U.S.S.R. has succeeded in making gigantic progress along road mapped out by the genius, Lenin. With exceptional perspicacity, Stalin has directed the life of the people along the road upon which it has achieved the historic stage when the ideal has become transformed into life.

“The twentieth anniversary of the Soviet Union occurs at a time of fierce, merciless interventionist war in Spain. Therefore, knowing the tremendous character of Soviet

construction and other aspects of Soviet life, I send my warmest greetings to that great people, the vanguard fighter for indivisible peace and for the right of peoples to free self-government.

“The Soviet Union is uninterruptedly pursuing its line of defending peace. The Soviet Union came to support the League of Nations at a time when other powers had already begun their hostile actions against it. A series of obstacles has been systematically put forward against the Soviet criterion of indivisible peace down to this very day. This principle is constantly being attacked. The principle of collective security is being countered by one-sided acts having no force at all. Concessions are being made to the instigators of war. In face of the invasion of Spain, there is being applied the principle of so-called ‘non-intervention’ which bears in it the embryo of a future European war.

“In Europe the right of peoples to free self-government and to determine their own fate according to their own wishes, is absent. Under the sign of fascism, which in itself is the negation of human dignity and civilization, the rough mask of voracious imperialism, fraught with racial and other prejudices, the totalitarian states are waging a war of intervention on the territory of other European states and their colonies. For fascism no value at all attaches either to the independence of other nations, or to the age-old dignity of countries marked by a fruitful and civilizing mission that has been extended over many years.

“The Soviet Union has demonstrated to Europe its role as a civilized people, which is the disinterested friend of peace and maintains respect for other peoples.

“For this it deserves the gratitude of the Spanish people and the admiration of the government. The Soviet Union, in pursuing the principles of the revolution, the twentieth anniversary of which we are celebrating, has become the most outstanding defender of international law, of the independence and freedom of peoples. Therefore, it deserves the gratitude not only of Spain, but of the whole of the civilized world.”