

J. V. Stalin

# Telegram to Sverdlov, Chairman of the All-Russian Central Executive Committee

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Having learned of the villainous attempt of the hirelings of the bourgeoisie on the life of Comrade Lenin, the world's greatest revolutionary and the tried and tested leader and teacher of the proletariat, the Military Council of the North Caucasian Military Area is answering this vile attempt at assassination by instituting open and systematic mass terror against the bourgeoisie and its agents.

Stalin  
Voroshilov  
Tsaritsyn,  
August 31, 1918.

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