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Proposal regarding the Control Mechanism for Japan

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Summary:

The American proposal for the Allied Military Council in Japan, given to Soviet Minister of Foreign Affairs V. M. Molotov during his October 30, 1945, meeting with Ambassador Harriman.

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US Ambassador Mr. Harriman
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PROPOSAL REGARDING THE CONTROL MECHANISM FOR JAPAN.

1. An Allied Military Council under the chairmanship of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers (or his deputy) will be instituted for the purpose of consulting with the Supreme Commander with regard to the implementation of the surrender terms and the occupation for Japan, and also with respect to additional directives relating to them.
2. [The following] will be members of the Allied Military Council: the Supreme Commander (or his deputy), who will be the chairman and the member from the US; a member from the USSR; a member from China; and a member from the British Commonwealth of Nations.
3. The Supreme Commander (or his deputy) will issue all directives relating to the implementation of the surrender terms and the occupation of Japan, and also with respect to additional directives relating to them. In the event that urgent demands of the situation require it, he will consult with the Council in advance with respect to orders associated with questions of principle. His decisions on all question will be final. In all cases the actions will be accomplished under observation, and also through the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, who is the only executive authority of the Allied Powers in the region of his command".

Moscow, 30 October 1945

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