November 10, 1945 Handwritten Note from Molotov, Beria, Malenkov, and Mikoyan to Cde. Stalin

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Summary:

Molotov, Beria, Malenkov, and Mikoyan suggest means by which they believe Kliment Voroshilov can structure the Hungarian government in such a way that the Communists have significant control and relations between Hungary and the Soviet Union are friendly.

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to Cde. Stalin

We are sending a telephone message of Voroshilov just received by us.

We suggest giving Voroshilov the following instructions:

1. Do not object to the distribution of seats between the parties in the new Hungarian government indicated in the telephone message, but insist on the Communists receiving the Ministry of Internal Affairs instead of the Ministry of Finance, which should be offered to the Smallholders' Party.

2. Suggest instituting two posts of vice-ministers additionally in order that these posts be given to the Communists and Social Democrats instead of the two posts of ministers without portfolio which were originally offered [by] Tildy and which both the Communists and Social Democrats rejected.

3. Voroshilov should direct [his] main attention so that the appointment of members of the new Hungarian government is ensured from people from the Smallholders Party and Social Democrats of persons who are acceptable to the Soviet government.

4. Before the formation of a new government the Communists should try to reach agreement with the other parties about the main points of the platform of the work of the new government which would ensure an unquestioned friendly attitude toward the Soviet Union, the support of the land reform which has been carried out, the support of the anti-fascist democratic forces and the eradication of the remnants of fascism in Hungary.

We request your decision.

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10 November