June 27, 1944 Harriman's Instructions Concerning the Scrolls

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Summary:

Ambassador Harriman gives instructions that Moscow should release Stalin's statements concerning the scrolls.

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