

August 8, 1944 Harriman's notes on Mikolajczyk and Stalin Meeting

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Summary:

Stanislaw Mikolajczyk gives Harriman points discussed during a meeting he had with Stalin about Polish affairs.

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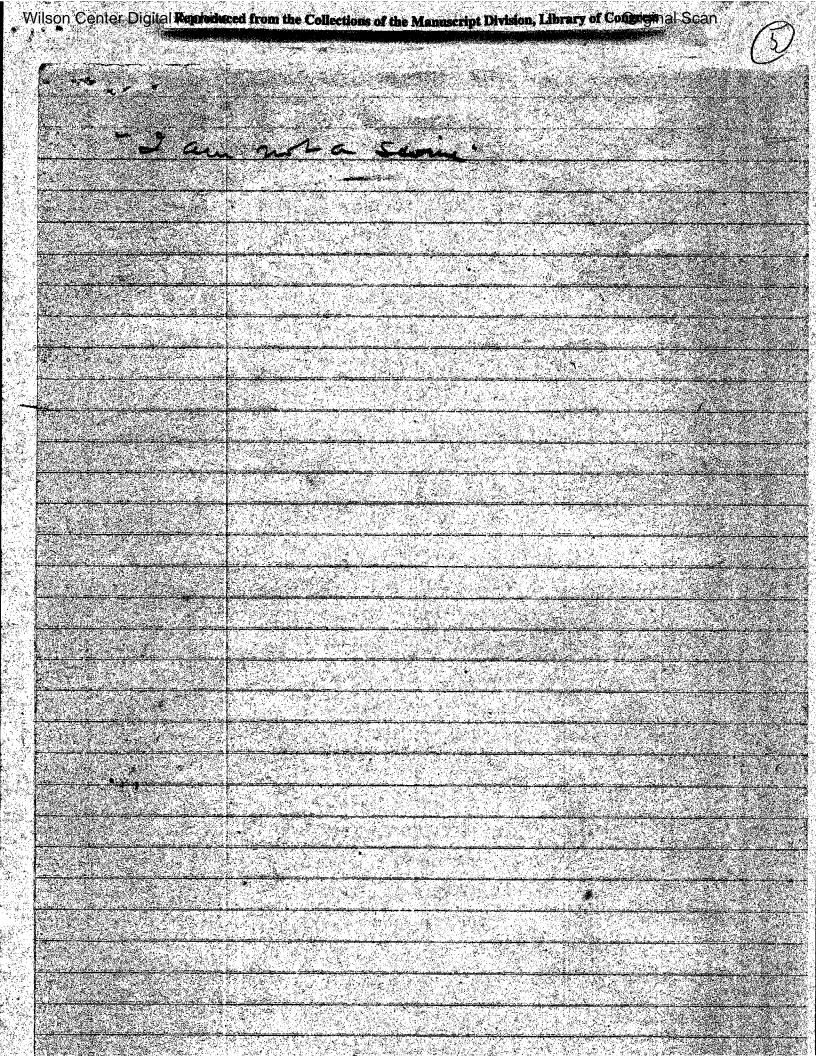
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[Hand written illegible] stay that [illegible] will be bet to [second half of this line is written illegibly]! Communism is for Germany as a saddle for a cow.
Poland and Soviet Union must march together, each not interfering in the others internal affairs. (in answer to question re policy of Russia toward Poland)
Most cordial
[hand written word illegible] about whether 1935
Stalin said question of abandonment of 1935 constitution and acception of 1921
M. said he would try but difficult
The Rada (Polish Council) had no authority as government
A way must be found to give some basis for new set up
Also gov. should be made up of men selected by the parties
Stalin will send dist supplies but 1st officer with cipher who can communicate
Warsaw was to have been taken on Aug 6 but Germans move up 4 Panzer and 2 others to hold bridgehead
Difficulties will be overcome and Warsaw taken
M. said he would return when Warsaw taken. Stalin did not object - made no comment

M. thinks the critical day was meeting with Molotov, where he said and heard both [ed note: cut off]
M. will communicate when he has consulted
Stalin admitted that all people including communists had accepted leadership of the underground commander and were fighting together
Stalin had had word from his own [Red] Army officer at headquarters in Warsaw to this effect.
Committee disagreed on boundary. [hand written word illegible] "we must accept," Morowski "we can not object," Witos: "we have not tried," [word illegible] "we should not discuss now" [ed note: cut off]
Mik has [more] confidence in Stalin but no respect for Committee and feels they can't get on without him.
M. wants to authorize gov to hold things till a real election can be held.
[ed note: the following was written upside down]:
In 25 years Poland must have good [hand written word illegible] relations [word illegible] with Britain and U.S.
M. said that Bierut was intelligent and sensible man. 45 years old in [word illegible] in [word illegible] education and social affairs B. wants to leave politics to Mik
M. thinks B is a communist but [hand written word illegible] said [word illegible]
interested in Poland's welfare