

## **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.

#### **Original Language:**

English

#### **Contents:**

Original Scan  
Transcript - English

<sup>unknown date</sup>  
In answer to ~~say that Germany will~~  
be led to Communist ~~control~~ <sup>Part</sup>  
Communism is for Germany  
as a saddle for a cow

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Poland + Soviet Union must  
march together, each not  
in ~~interfering~~ <sup>interfering</sup> in the others internal  
affairs. In answer to question  
re policy of Russia toward  
Poland

Most cordial -

~~Asked about whether 1935~~  
Said question of abandonment  
of 1935 constitution & acceptance  
of 1921.

M. said he would try but depends  
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  
# Part.

Stalin will ~~send~~ <sup>drop</sup> supplies  
but 1<sup>st</sup> officer with cipher  
who can communicate

Worms was & have been  
taken on Aug 6 but Germans  
have sp of Panzer divisions  
& 2 others to hold bridgehead.

Difficulties will be overcome  
& Worms taken

M. said he would return  
when Worms taken. Stalin  
did not object - made no comment

M. thinks the critical day  
has nothing with Ustotov



Mr. will communicate when  
he has ~~to~~ consulted,

Stalin admitted that all  
people including Communist  
had accepted leadership of  
the underground commander  
& were fighting together

Stalin had had word from  
his own <sup>Red</sup> Army Officer at  
headquarters in Warsaw to  
the effect

Cominther disagreed on Monday

Moranda "we must accept"

Moravski "we can not fight"

Witko "we have not tried"

4.

Which has <sup>more</sup> confidence in Stalin  
but no respect for committee  
it feels they can't get on without  
him.

He wants to authorize gov.  
to hold things till a real election  
can be held.

Mr. Thinks B is a communist but B  
said we shouldn't in future

Mr. said that B said we  
shouldn't & advise me  
at 5 pm in the  
conference  
B. says to have perfect work.

from with B. Johnson & his.



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I am not a swimmer.

[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.

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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)

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Most cordial

[hand written word illegible] about whether 1935

Stalin said question of abandonment of 1935 constitution and acceptance of 1921

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M. said he would try but difficult

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The Rada (Polish Council) had no authority as government

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A way must be found to give some basis for new set up

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Also gov. should be made up of men selected by the parties

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Stalin will send dist supplies but 1st officer with cipher who can communicate

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Warsaw was to have been taken on Aug 6 but Germans move up 4 Panzer and 2 others to hold bridgehead

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Difficulties will be overcome and Warsaw taken

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M. said he would return when Warsaw taken. Stalin did not object - made no comment

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M. thinks the critical day was meeting with Molotov, where he said and heard both  
[ed note: cut off]

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M. will communicate when he has consulted

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Stalin admitted that all people including communists had accepted leadership of the  
underground commander and were fighting together

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Stalin had had word from his own [Red] Army officer at headquarters in Warsaw to  
this effect.

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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.

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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