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**Working Notes from the Session of the CPSU CC
Presidium on 2 November 1956**

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Summary:

A plan outlining military measures against Hungary was presented at this session of the Presidium. The notes reflect that fear of fascist influence in Hungary motivated adoption.

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Russian

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Translation - English

Working Notes from the Session of the CPSU CC Presidium on 2 November 1956 (Re: point IV of Protocol No. 50) (1) On the Plan for Measures Concerning Hungary (2) (Zhukov, Serov, Konev, Molotov, Mikoyan, Kaganovich, Bulganin, Voroshilov) 1) to speak about the threat of fascism posed by the Horthyites; (3) the threat to our homeland, they want to use it as a base against our country; the workers and peasants support us. Adopt it with amendments. 2) send Cdes. Mikoyan and Brezhnev (4) (decide on 3 XI 56). Approve the plan. (5) Translator's Notes 1 The protocol in question is "Vypiska iz protokola No. 50 zasedaniya Prezidiuma TsK ot 2 noyabrya 1956 g.: O meropriyatiyakh v svyazi s sobyitiyami v Vengrii," in APRF, F. 3, Op. 64, D. 484, L. 58. It reads simply: "To approve the plan for measures concerning the events in Hungary." 2 On 1 November, in accordance with Protocol No. P50/I ("Vypiska iz protokola No. 50 zasedaniya Prezidiuma TsK ot 1 noyabrya 1956 g.: O polozhenii v Vengrii," in APRF, F. 3, Op. 64, D. 484, L. 47), five Soviet officials (Zhukov, Suslov, Konev, Serov, and Brezhnev) had been instructed to "work out the necessary measures concerning the events in Hungary and present them to the CPSU CC." This session allowed them to complete the task. 3 All four phrases in this point were incorporated (with modifications) into Order No. 1 issued by Marshal Konev in the name of the Warsaw Pact Joint Command (see Note 109 supra). 4 Those sent to Hungary (at varying intervals) included Suslov, Averki Aristov, Serov, and Zhukov. 5 The text of the plan has not yet been released from the former Soviet archives, but the directive here presumably refers to the military (as opposed to political and propaganda) steps needed to fulfill the decision of 31 October. On the same day of this meeting, Marshal Konev arrived at his command post in Szolnok and ordered the reinforced Special Corps in Hungary to be ready for full-scale combat operations by the following day.