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Summary:

Gromyko's 14 September 1950 note to Stalin about a diplomatic note to US, UK, and France on the process for general elections in Germany; and the Central Committee's 16 September 1950 decision to seek revision of the diplomatic note.

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To Comrades Malenkov, Gromyko. Excerpt
from minutes No. 77 of a VKP(b) Politburo session Decision of September 16, 1950 393.
Draft of a note from the Soviet government to the governments of the U.S.A.,
England, and France concerning Germany-wide elections.

1. Observe that
the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs is late in presenting to the Politburo the draft
note from the Soviet government to the governments of the U.S.A., England, and
France on the issue of Germany-wide elections.

2. Consider unacceptable the
draft note presented by the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs and instruct Comrade
Gromyko to revise it within 5 days based on the decision that has occurred. Central
Committee of the VKP(b) Politburo [handwritten]: From the notes of Com. Gromyko of
October 9, 1950. To Comrade J. V. STALIN

On behalf of their governments, the
English, U.S. and French Supreme Commanders in the western zones of Germany
have sent letters to Comrade Chuikov proposing to start negotiations on preparing a
draft electoral laws and holding Germany-wide elections to the National Constituent
Assembly of Germany. They propose taking as the basis for the talks the

declaration by the foreign ministers of England, the U.S.A., and France concerning the
unification of Germany and also the resolution of the "Bonn government" on holding
Germany-wide elections. These documents contain conditions that are clearly not
acceptable to us. In particular they envisage that the electoral law be prepared by
representatives of the four occupying powers, and not by representatives of the
Germany people, and they contain a demand that reparations from current
production be stopped, that Soviet joint-stock companies in Germany be liquidated,
et al.

Considering the upcoming October 15 elections in the German Democratic
Republic, the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises giving an answer to these
letters on behalf of the Soviet government to the governments of the U.S.A., England,
and France after October 15.

The draft answer prepared by the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs evaluates the proposals by the representatives of the three powers
and contains our counterproposals concerning Germany-wide elections; our positions
are consistent with the decisions of the Potsdam Conference. The draft resolution
of the VKP(b) Central Committee is attached. I request your review.

A. Gromyko September 14, 1950