

October 31, 1956
**Draft telegram to Italian Communist Leader Palmiro
Togliatti**

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Summary:

Draft telegram from the CPSU CC to Italian Communist Leader Palmiro Togliatti on the Soviet leadership's position on the situation in Hungary.

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Workers of the World, Unite!
Top Secret

Communist Party of the Soviet Union
CENTRAL COMMITTEE
No P 49/69

To Comrade Shepilov (M[inistry] of F[oreign] A[ffairs]) and to Comrade Vinogradov
Extract from Minutes No. 49, taken at the October 31, 1956 meeting of the Presidium
of the CC

Draft of a telegram to be sent to Comrade Togliatti,

The CC approves the attached text of a telegram to be sent to Comrade Togliatti in
con-nection with the Hungarian situation.

Secretary of the CC

To Paragraph 69 of Minutes No. 49
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ROME

For Comrade TOGLIATTI

In your evaluation of the situation in Hungary and of the tendencies of development
of the Hungarian Government toward a reactionary development, we are in
agreement with you. According to our information, Nagy is occupying a two-faced
position and is falling more and more under the influence of the reactionary forces.
For the time being we are not speaking out openly against Nagy, but we will not
reconcile ourselves with the turn of events toward a reactionary debaucher

Your friendly warnings regarding the possibility of the weakening of the unity of the
collective leadership of our party have no basis. We can firmly assure you that in the
complex interna-tional situation our collective leadership unanimously
[yedinodushno] evaluates the situation and unanimously takes appropriate decisions.

CC CPSU