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Memorandum Regarding the Creation of the Interim National Government of Hungary

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Summary:

Memorandum from V.G. Dekanozov to Joseph Stalin discussing the creation of the Interim National Government of Hungary in December of 1944.

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Memorandum from V. G. Dekanozov to I. V. Stalin with a Summary of General I. Z. Susaikov's Information Regarding the Creation of the Interim National Government of Hungary¹

Moscow

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To Comrade I.V. STALIN

Today General Susaikov informed me of the following on the secure line from Debretsen:

The Interim National Congress of Hungary completed its work today, on December 22. It created an Interim National Government of Hungary led by General Colonel Miklosh Bela. The Declaration of the Interim National Government of Hungary² was passed unanimously. The composition of the Hungarian Government and the text of the government's declaration were approved in full coordination with our drafts.

In addition, the Congress passed two special decisions:

1. The Interim National Congress directed the newly created Interim National Government to appeal to the Soviet government to begin the Armistice negotiations.³
2. On transferring certain functions of the head of state to the Presidium of the Interim National Congress of Hungary represented by its Chairman and his two deputies.
 - a) On confirming state secretaries (deputies of ministers);
 - b) On confirming Generals and certain categories of state officials.

To Comrade Susaikov's question - what should be the composition of the Hungarian Armistice delegation - I responded that they should discuss that question themselves and inform us about their ideas via the telegraph.

Today we will prepare a press statement on the creation of the Interim National Congress and Government of Hungary in Debretsen and submit it to you for approval.

V. DEKANOZOV

1. Copies distributed to V. Molotov, A. Vyshinsky, and to the III European Department of the People's Commissariat of Foreign Affairs.

2. For the text of the Declaration see: "Liberation of Hungary. 1944-1945. Collection of Documents. Budapest, 1975, pp. 79-82.

³ The delegation of the Interim National government led by Minister of Foreign Affairs Ya. Gyongyesi left for Moscow to negotiate an armistice on December 28.