

## **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

In answer to <sup>date</sup> ~~say~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~Germany~~ <sup>will</sup>  
be ~~led to~~ <sup>Communist</sup> ~~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.

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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 up 4 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 Moscow.



3.

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

Stalin admitted that all  
people including communists  
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  
this effect effect

Committee disagreed on Monday.

Mandela "we must accept"

Morawski "we can not reject"

Witso "we have not tried"

4.

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

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

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

Mr. said that Brown was  
in Tokyo & Soviet was  
45 yrs old in French in  
Communist Revolution & Soviet of  
B. had to have perfect work.

from with Brown & B. 25.



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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 acception 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