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**Secret Telegram No. 3638/IV - From Moscow to  
Warsaw**

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**Summary:**

Notes that the Chinese are pretending to sympathize with the Soviets, but are really trying to take advantage of the situation in Poland.

**Original Language:**

Polish

**Contents:**

Translation - English

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To [Foreign Minister] Comrade Czyrek: Comrade Olszowski relays the following: Based  
on the talks with Oleg Rakhmanin: [...] 4. They have information that Polish labor  
unions went to China and their composition is not exactly the best. The [Soviets] are  
the proponents of not using Chinese invitations. He stressed that China is shedding  
crocodile tears regarding our situation. But, while sympathizing with us, they are  
trying to take advantage of the events in Poland to conduct their own interests. [...]  
Received by: Comrades Kania, Pinkowski, Barcikowski, Grabski, Jagielski, Jaruzelski,  
Moczar, Olszowski...