

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

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Original Scan
Transcript - English

Stalin will ~~send~~ ^{drop} supplies
but 1st officer with cipher
who can communicate

Worms was & have been
taken on Aug 6 but Germans
have sp of 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 Ustotov

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

Stalin admitted that all
people including Communist
had accepted leadership of
the underground commander
& were fighting together

Stalin had had word from
his own ^{Red} Army Officer at
headquarters in Warsaw to
the effect

Cominther disagreed on Monday

Moranda "we must accept"

Moravski "we can not fight"

Witko "we have not tried"

Which has ^{more} confidence in Stalin
but no input for execution
+ feels they can't get on without
him.

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

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

Mr. said that B said we
in the past + present was
at 5 pm in the past in
Communism B is a communist + some of
B. says to have perfect work.

from with B. Johnson + his.

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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.

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)

Most cordial

[hand written word illegible] about whether 1935

Stalin said question of abandonment of 1935 constitution and acceptance of 1921

M. said he would try but difficult

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 of men selected by the parties

Stalin will send dist supplies but 1st officer with cipher who can communicate

Warsaw was to have been taken on Aug 6 but Germans move up 4 Panzer and 2 others to hold bridgehead

Difficulties will be overcome and Warsaw taken

M. said he would return when Warsaw taken. Stalin did not object - made no comment

M. thinks the critical day was meeting with Molotov, where he said and heard both
[ed note: cut off]

M. will communicate when he has consulted

Stalin admitted that all people including communists had accepted leadership of the
underground commander and were fighting together

Stalin had had word from his own [Red] Army officer at headquarters in Warsaw to
this effect.

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.

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