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**Telegram, V. Molotov, G. Malenkov, L. Beria, and A.
Mikoyan to Cde. Stalin**

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Summary:

Molotov, Beria, Malenkov, and Mikoyan suggest that the Politburo appoint a government commission to investigate the crash of the cruiser "Kirov" near Krasnaya Gorka in the Leningrad Oblast.

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to Cde. Stalin,

1. In connection with the report of Cde. Kuznetsov, People's Commissar of the Merchant Fleet, that on 17 October the Cruiser Kirov blew up on a mine in the region of Krasnaya Gorka, we suggest that the Politburo make following decision:

Appoint a Government Commission to investigate all the circumstances and reasons for the Cruiser Kirov accident on 17 October, composed of: Marshal Govorov (chairman), Chief of the Main Naval Staff Kucherov, Secretary of the Leningrad Oblast' Committee Kuznetsov, and Chief of the SMERSH Directorate of the NKVMF [People's Commissariat of the Navy] Gladkov.

2. The Commission is to immediately go to scene and submit the first report about its work to the USSR Council of People's Commissars by 25 October.

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