Conversation.  
June 10, 1944  
The Kremlin

Present: The American Ambassador, Mr. Harriman  
Marshal Stalin  
Mr. Molotov  
Mr. Page, Second Secretary of Embassy  
Mr. Pavlov, Secretary to Mr. Molotov

Subject: Poland.

I stated that I knew Marshal Stalin did not like to 
talk about the Poles and in reply to his question "Why 
not?" remarked that the last time he had said so, Mar-
shall Stalin smiled and said that there were many good 
Poles. I inquired whether Mr. Molotov had conveyed to 
him the President's message on the Polish situation. 
He replied in the affirmative. I asked him whether the 
message was clear. Mr. Molotov briefly reviewed for 
Marshal Stalin the President's message regarding Mikolaj-
jczyk's visit to the United States. I added that the 
President would tell Mikolajczyk that he must look to 
Moscow and come to a firm understanding with the Russians; 
that that was not possible so long as such men as So
kowski remained in the Mikolajczyk Government. I said 
that the President did not feel that he could be very 
helpful during the election months. Marshal Stalin said 
he realized that it was especially difficult for him at 
the present time. I said that the President had complete 
confidence that Marshal Stalin would work out the Polish 
question in accordance with the Tehran discussions. The 
Marshal stated that the Soviet attitude regarding Poland 
had not changed since Tehran. In response to Stalin's 
question I said that the President's had remained the 
same, remarking, however, that the President was puzzled 
with respect to the status of Lwow. The President did 
not have suggestions to make in this respect and be-
lieved that this question was one to be settled between 
the Russians and the Poles. He felt sure that if the 
Marshal gave sympathetic study to the frontier question 
an understanding could be reached with the Poles. Mar-
shall Stalin stated that if anything arose in Polish-
Soviet relations he would keep the President informed. 
I said that the President was very anxious to be kept 
informed and that I knew he would appreciate that message. 
The Marshal stated that he was bound to keep the Presi-
dent advised.
The Marshal stated that he had been much interested in meeting the four representatives of the Polish National Council who had recently arrived in Moscow. I said if they desired to see me I was authorized to receive them unofficially, although of course I would not seek such an interview. I inquired whether the Marshal thought such a meeting would be useful. He thought the meeting would be very helpful. The Marshal commented that the representatives were "living" people and not emigrés and that they would have a great deal to tell me. I said that perhaps Stalin could find a way to have them approach me. Molotov replied that they had returned to Moscow yesterday and that he would suggest to them that they see me tomorrow. I remarked that it might be well not to say that I was willing to meet them. Marshal Stalin agreed.