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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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In answer to Stay Might Germany not be led to Communism another Prof.

Communism is for Germany as a saddle for a cow.

Poland + ~~Soviet~~ Union must march together. Each not interfering in the others in internal affairs. (In answer to question re policy of Russia toward Poland)

Most cordial -

~~Asked about whether 1935~~

Stalin said question of abandonment of 1935 constitution + acceptance of 1921.

M. said he would say that 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

the parties

Stalin will ~~send~~ drop supplies but 1st Officer with cipher who can communicate

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

Difficulties will be overcome + 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,

M. will communicate when he has ~~the~~ 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 Red Army officer at headquarters in Warsaw to this effect

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Committee disagreed on Monday.

Wanda "we must accept"

Morawski "we can not object"

Witos we have not tried

Mik has more confidence in Stalin but no respect after consultation & feels they can't get on without him.

M wants an authoritative gov. to hold things till a real election can be held.

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fris with Britain & U.S.

M. said that Bierut was intelligent & sensible man 45 yrs old. interested in economics Education & social affairs. B. wants to leave politics to Mik.

M thinks B is a communist but Russia said no interested in Polands welfare.

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"I am not a Savior."

[Hand written illegible] stay that [illegible] will be bet to [second half of this line is written illegibly]!

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Most cordial

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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

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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