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Letter from General Zygmunt Berling to General Julian Skokowski

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Summary:

General Berling instructs General Skokowski on what actions to take if the Warsaw Uprising fails. His forces are to withdraw to the Kampinowska Forest or meet Gen. Berling's forces to the east of Zoliborz.

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Polish

Contents:

- English Translation

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Reel W-40. Classification mark III.4.t77. The following handwritten and encoded document contains instructions from General Zygmunt Berling, commander of the Polish First Army, to General Julian Skokowski on how to proceed if the Warsaw Uprising should fail.

To General Skokowski in Warsaw,

In the event of Warsaw's capitulation, your forces are not to surrender and are not to engage in provocation. Withdraw your forces to the west of Warsaw. Designate rendezvous points from which they are to be directed to the Kampinowska Forest, located 30 km to the northwest of Warsaw. In the forest, concentrate your forces and set up your command, to include a radio station.

I will maintain communication with you by radio and also by aviation, which will drop provisions, ammunition, and medicine.

The signal for aviation: three fires in a triangle, with a fire in the middle of the triangle.

Simultaneously, if it's possible, organize the crossing of groups of men to our side to the east of Zoliborz and the two southern bridges, where our crossing assets will be on duty. Those who are crossing to our side will be assisted and received. As the signal for our boats and observation in that direction, swing a lantern or a burning object in a circular motion. Inform me of your situation.

General Berling