

## September 23, 1944 Prisoners of War in the Balkans

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### Summary:

Harriman and Stalin discuss the Red Army's help evacuating American prisoners of war from Romania and their treatment by the Bulgarians.

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