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Memorandum from Khrushchev to Gomulka
Recalling Soviet Advisors

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Recalling Soviet military advisers from Poland.

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SECRETARY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PUWP

Comrade W. GOMULKA

1. During comrade Ochab's stay in Moscow, on his way to China, comrade Ochab, in his 11 September [1956] conversation with the Central Committee of the CPSU, transmitted the view of the CC PUWP that it was now time to abolish the institution of Soviet advisers attached to the Committee for Public Security of the PPR. At the same time, comrade Mikoyan told comrade Ochab that the position of the Polish comrades corresponds with the main line of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

In connection with this, the Presidium of the CC CPSU has decided to recall all Soviet advisers that have been sent, at the time at the request of the Polish Government, to assist the work of the PPR organs of security.

During the same conversation, comrade Ochab transmitted the view of the CC PUWP about the need, after the institution of Soviet advisers is abolished, to create new forms of collaboration between the organs of security of the USSR and Poland, with the aim to create a new representative office of the USSR Committee for State Security attached to the PPR Committee for Public Security.

The CC CPSU, in principle, agrees with such a position and is ready to consider this question when concrete proposals are received from the CC PUWP.

2. According to the requests made by the Polish Government, and in accordance with agreements between our governments, there is a certain number of Soviet officers and general officers still posted together with personnel of the Polish Army.

The CC CPSU believes that if in the opinion of the CC PUWP there is no longer a need for the remaining Soviet officers and general officers on the staff of the Polish Army, then we agree in advance on their being recalled. We ask you to prepare the proposals about how this could be solved when the delegation from the Politburo of the CC PUWP arrives in Moscow.

SECRETARY CENTRAL COMMITTEE CPSU

N. KHRUSHCHEV

22 October 1956

[Unsigned. Above the date and handwritten in Polish it reads: "Handed to me personally by C[omrade] Ponomarenko" and initialed by Gomulka.]