Telegram from Molotov to Stalin on the proposed response to Bramuglia regarding the Berlin Question, dated 12 October 1948

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To comrade Stalin

Considering that recommendations put forward by Comrade Vyshinsky in his telegram №276-279 are right, I propose that comrade Vyshinsky should give an answer to Bramuglia in the following form:

“1. The Security Council should take the Berlin question off the agenda.

2. We cannot accept the first provision, proposed by Bramuglia, because it contradicts the decision negotiated between the Four Great Powers regarding the simultaneity of the following measures:

a) the lifting of restrictions imposed by the USSR, along with the USA, Great Britain, and France on communications, transport, and trade between Berlin and the Western zones in Germany, along with limitations on transport and trade between Western zones and the Soviet zone in Germany;

b) the introduction of the German Mark from the Soviet zone as the sole currency for Berlin with the extrication of the Western Mark “B” from circulation in Berlin.

3. The Berlin question should be passed on under the jurisdiction of the Council of Foreign Ministers, and the situation in Berlin should be regulated in accordance with the directive of the commanders-in-chief from 30 August.

4. The Council of Foreign Ministers will consider the question of the situation in Berlin and the question of Germany as a whole in accordance with the Potsdam agreement”

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