Cypher Telegram from Vyshinsky to I.V. Stalin outlining the questions Bramuglia intends to ask the USA, British, French and Soviet delegates during the next Security Council session, dated 15 October 1948

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On 14 October at 23.00 Bramuglia’s employee arrived from [his office] to the embassy and informed us that before or after tomorrow’s Security Council session, he could not tell exactly, Bramuglia plans to ask the representatives of the Four Powers the following two questions:

1. The representatives of the USA, Great Britain, France and the USSR shall be asked to explain in detail the initial introduction of restrictions on communications, transport and trade between Berlin and the western zones in Germany and between the western zones and the Soviet zone in Germany, details of their application and the present condition.

2. The representatives of the USA, Great Britain, France and the USSR shall be asked to explain in detail the agreement contained in instructions transferred by the commander-in-chief of the Four Powers to Berlin, and the detailed reasons which have prevented their accomplishment.

I believe that if such questions are raised at the Security Council, I should table these questions, having explained that, as I have already declared, the Soviet representative does not participate and does not intend to participate in discussion at the Security Council of the Berlin issue for the reasons already stated at the Security Council.

If I am asked these two questions outside the Security Council session, I plan to answer that these issues are quite clear from the note from the Soviet government of 3 October, and from the statement of Marshal Sokolovsky[[1]](#footnote-1). Moreover, when this is under consideration at the Council of Ministers all the issues of interest can be explained and discussed in detail by the Four Powers.

I ask for your consent.

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1. Sokolovsky, Vasily Dmitrievich (1897–1968) - Soviet military, Marshal. Commander-in-chief of the Soviet Military Administration in Germany (1946 - 1949). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)