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to His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Union of
Socialist Soviet Republics
Vyatcheslav Michailovich MOLOTOV.

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Sir:

The Berlin Conference failed as a result of your uncompromising attitude, as has been predicted by all experts of your regime. It is certainly a cornerstone of history - and perhaps a turning-point.

We know that ideological infatuation lowers the ability to judge objectively on political developments. Therefore, we, -as political emigres from countries subjugated by your government and as persons to whom the actual difficulties of the Soviet Union are by no means unknown- take the liberty of referring to several items which your circles do not like to talk about.

We do so in the form of an open letter to spare you the embarrassment of requiring you to submit in person unpopular facts to your colleagues in the Kremlin. But primarily for the sake of universal peace and in order to preserve millions of our enslaved peoples and also your own Soviet citizens from misery and death. It will be these millions who will pay the price for your infatuation- if your schemes worked out, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich.

1. It was not for the first time that you insisted in Berlin on a Five-Power Conference including Red China- and the West did not agree in the form that you need. The West will certainly negotiate with China- when the time has come for it; with a China that does not pursue Soviet but Chinese politics.

Are you perhaps in a position to prevent starvation in China, or can you give this enormous country with 475 million inhabitants the necessary facilities to modernize its economy and industry? No, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich, you cannot do so- and you know it.

We understand your desperate efforts to tie this great nation to you by means of pretended aid.

In these efforts, you drive China to war; alternatively in Korea and Indo-China, merely to distract her from certain other thoughts.

We ask you, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich, how long will the Chinese giant let itself be deceived?

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One will come back to your suggestions of entering into talks with China, and many conferences will be held. But at the decisive conference the Soviet Union will no longer be represented.

You understand what this means.

2. Your fear of free elections in Germany does not surprise us. After a 37-year rule, you do not even dare to hold free elections in the Soviet Union proper. But since you cannot admit such -as an experienced dialectician- you have cleverly accentuated a partial truth: your evil experiences with the Hitlerite 'Urge to the East.'

Neither the Free World nor West Germany, but you, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich, and your colleagues are the 'aggressive Fascists' of today.

May we ask you: What do the Estonians, Latvians, Lithuanians and Poles, what does Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania think of you, the Soviet 'Urge to the West'?

What kind of reaction, do you think, is caused in Free Western Europe by your suggestion of advancing the Iron Curtain to the Atlantic under the cover of the 'Collective Security' of your predecessor Litwinov?

But above all, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich, -for the sake of logics and justice- what about your own 'Urge to the East'? What do you have to do in China, Korea, Indo-China and the other countries of Asia?

Why do you want to make yourself and others believe that the Soviet 'Urge to the East and to the West' is as popular throughout the world as pictured by your own propaganda?

Does not the same propaganda say also: Asia to the Asians? Believe us, it will not take very long and you will be taken at your word. And in that case do not forget, please, that Siberia, Inner-Asia and Mongolia also belong to Asia!

3. You have done everything possible, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich, to jeopardize European unification, a unification which is based upon the free decision of free Peoples and which is the logical development of a centurylong tradition. Does not Russia also belong to Europe, do the peoples of the Soviet Union not feel as members of the European family of nations? In Berlin you have identified your regime with the peoples of the Soviet Union, and acted as if these peoples rejected Europe the same as you do. But you realize as well as we do that these peoples, maybe in the very near future, will urgently need the help of their Western brother nations.

You are certainly not the first one, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich, who would like to replace a Europe of free men with a 'new' authoritarian Europe -and as a consequence, cause your own doom!

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4. As a counter-suggestion you offer the European peoples an 'Anschluss' into an Eurasian Bloc of Power, the sole logics of which is crude force. You claim with pride that your new empire, already comprises 800 million men at this time. But to comply with your forced logics, you still need Western Europe.

Well, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich, supposed you occupy Western Europe. And what then?

Your Eurasian power combination, the heart of which should be the Soviet Union, may just as well die of 'dilatation of the heart' as it happened to the known examples of the past.

What will happen to you, your family, your comrades, and also to your own Russian people if 800 million enemies revolt within this Bloc against 200 millions of allegedly 'loyal' Soviet citizens?

Do you seriously believe the Free World will surrender to you in case of a Soviet occupation of Western Europe?

No, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich, on the contrary: The West will continue to fight and this would be the beginning of your inevitable doom.

5. You put everything on one stake, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich, on Western discord, of which your friend Stalin said that the West will rather lacerate itself than consolidate against the Soviet Union. Your propaganda seemingly takes a pleasure of interpreting the West's patient readiness to negotiate as a sign of weakness.

Whether you believe in your own propaganda or in your new Communist religion - the new 'opium for the people' - will be left to you. In any case, no sign of Western discord was noticeable in Berlin.

May we remind you that others, before you, also based their plans on the alleged 'decadence of Western plutocrats', rigidly believed in their own propaganda and were mistaken after all - the same as you are mistaken, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich.

You believe that the Western policy is exclusively determined by economics and profit. You are mistaken also in this respect. Other factors of psychological nature are more important. And when the moment comes that these factors are decisive, the question of combined action on behalf of the Free World will be solved within days or even hours.

Unfortunately, we emigrees cannot claim the chief share in Western enlightenment on your plans of world domination. The lion's share in this enlightenment is due to you, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich, and to your colleagues. Your attitude in Berlin was much more effective than a thousand 'reactionary' emigrants.

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It is always a bad risk to put everything on one stake -especially when the stake is wrong.

We appeal to you, Vyatcheslav Mihailovich, do not let things go to the extreme and do not drive the world into a global war. Its outcome can be clearly visualized -you and your accomplices will be crashed between East and West like a hollow nut.

But we are much more concerned about the fate of the innocent people within your sphere of power. You and your comrades will be personally responsible for the death and the blood shed by millions of innocent people. And there will be none to acquit you from this personal responsibility.

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