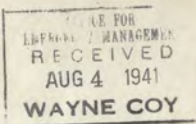


Memorandum, Franklin Roosevelt to Wayne Coy, August 2, 1941. Shortly after Germany's June 22, 1941 invasion of the Soviet Union, FDR authorized emergency American aid to Moscow. Frustrated by a lack of action during the weeks that followed, the President ordered his special assistant Wayne Coy to spearhead an effort to get war materials quickly to Russia. This memorandum reflects FDR's sense of urgency.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



August 2, 1941.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR WAYNE COY:

I raised the point in Cabinet on Friday that nearly six weeks have elapsed since the Russian War began and that we have done practically nothing to get any of the materials they asked for on their actual way to delivery in Siberia.

Frankly, if I were a Russian I would feel that I had been given the run-around in the United States.

Please get out the list and please, with my full authority, use a heavy hand -- act as a burr under the saddle and get things moving!

The enclosed comes in just before I leave. In regard to bombers, we should make and the British should make small token deliveries. In regard to P-forties, it is ridiculous to bring any back here from England by steamer through the submarine zone and we should expedite 200 of them via Fairbanks from the total number now in this country.

I have told the Russians that I am dividing things into two categories -- first, material which can be delivered on the Russian western front in time to take part in battle between September first and October first -- and secondly, those materials which physically could not get there before October first. I have chosen that date because after October first, we all doubt if there will be very active operations in view of rain, snow, frost, etc. and that if Germany can be held until then, Russia is safe until the Spring.

Step on it!

F.D.R.