

Telegram, Joseph Stalin to Franklin Roosevelt, October 29, 1944. During the early planning for the Conference, Stalin sent this message stressing that his doctors recommended that he not travel outside the Soviet Union to meet Roosevelt and Churchill. Despite FDR's own failing energies, the President understood the importance of the Conference and agreed to travel thousands of miles to Yalta.



TRANSLATION

SECRET AND PERSONAL
FROM
PREMIER J.V. STALIN
TO
PRESIDENT F.D. ROOSEVELT

I have received your message of October 25.

If the idea that was expressed earlier about the possibility of our meeting on the Soviet Black Sea coast appears to be acceptable for you I would consider it extremely desirable to realize this plan. The conditions for a meeting there are absolutely favorable. I hope that by that time it will be also possible to provide a safe entrance of your vessel into the Black Sea. Since the doctors do not recommend to undertake any big trips at the present time, I have to give consideration to that.

I shall be glad to see you as soon as you find it possible to undertake the trip.

October 29, 1944.