Letter from Guy Mollet to Robert Schuman (Paris, 6 November 1951)

Caption: On 6 November 1951, Guy Mollet, Secretary-General of the French Socialist Party (SFIO), is concerned about the Federal German Government's decision to delay the dismantling of the selling agency of German coal from the Ruhr (DKV).

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General Secretariat

Mr R. Schuman Minister for Foreign Affairs Paris

Mr President,

I remain concerned about the decision taken by the German Federal Government on 26 October last to reject the proposal drawn up by the High Commission and Federal Government experts with a view to replacing the former German central coal sales agency (DKV). It is, in my view, essential that a satisfactory solution to this question should be found before any decision is taken on the Treaty establishing the Coal and Steel Community.

In particular, I would very much like to be informed of the measures that the French Government intends to take in the light of this decision of the German Federal Government. With my warmest thanks,

Yours sincerely,

signed: Guy Mollet Secretary-General

