
**Letter of Reply from First Secretary of the CC of the RWP (Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej),
Expressing Agreement to the Soviet Proposal to Withdraw its Troops from Romania**

Bucharest, 23 April 1958

DEAR COMRADES,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 17, 1958, concerning the stationing of Soviet troops in the Romanian People's Republic.

We share the views expressed in your letter. The stationing of Soviet troops served both the interests of the Romanian People's Republic and the interests of the common cause of the socialist camp.

Given the present favorable circumstances, we agree to your proposal to cancel the further stationing of Soviet troops in the People's Republic of Romania.

We have no doubt whatsoever that this decision will have a major impact and would be seen by world public opinion as a new palpable contribution of the USSR, of the Romanian People's Republic and of the entire socialist camp, to the strengthening of peace and to détente in international relations.

We assure you that the armed forces of the Romanian People's Republic shall honorably fulfil, in whatever circumstances, the duties incumbent on them within the socialist camp.

We are looking forward to know your opinion on the date of our meeting to discuss this matter.

**With communist greetings,
First-Secretary of the CC of the RWP
Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej
April 23, 1958**

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See also *România. Retragerea trupelor sovietice. 1958* [Romania, Withdrawal of Soviet Troops. 1958], Editura Didactica si Pedagogica R.A., Bucharest, 1996 (coordinating editor: Prof. Ioan Scurtu, Ph.D.), pp. 273-274.