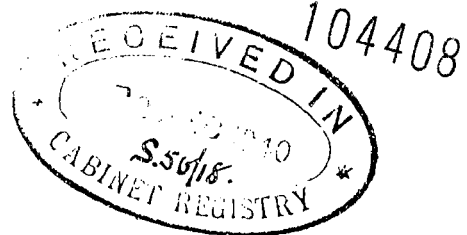


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POSSIBLE ACTION BY GERMANY IN THE SPRING
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I would very much like to know, if it has been settled, what the general intentions are as regards the Anglo-French appreciation on possible German action in the Spring of 1940. It would be only fair to let the British Representatives know.

As far as I remember this study arose out of a decision of the War Cabinet (or was it the Ministerial Military Committee?) I remember that at one of the C.O.S. Meetings before Christmas it was mentioned that the Minister for Co-ordination considered it of some importance that the appreciation should be finished before the New Year. I think he was told that an adequate study could not be completed in the time, but the general inference was that the matter was urgent.

For your own information you will appreciate that Christmas was a good deal disturbed in consequence of activities to try and finish the work as early as possible.

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7th February, 1940.