

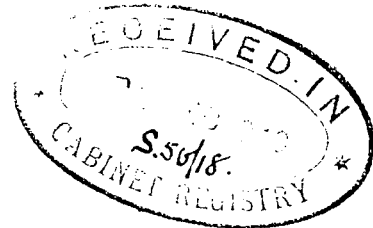
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SECRET.COLONEL HOLLIS.

POSSIBLE ACTION BY GERMANY IN THE SPRING
OF 1940.
(Paper No. M.R.(J)(40)10).

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.

A. W. Clarke

7th February, 1940.

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SECRET.BRITISH MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES.POSSIBLE GERMAN ACTION IN THE SPRING OF 1940.Appreciation by the Allied Military Committee.

You will be interested to know that at long last the Chiefs of Staff this morning took our Appreciation of German Action in the Spring of 1940.

They concentrated, of course, on the commentary by the Joint Planning Sub-Committee (Paper No. C.O.S. (40) 241 (J.P.)).

They agreed generally with the comments, which are not of much moment really, and directed that these comments, as from them, should be circulated to the French Representatives for their information.

The expurgated version of the J.P. paper, excluding the part which merely summarises the Appreciation, and the domestic recommendations at the end in paragraphs 26 and 27, is to be drafted, and I will then circulate the result as an M.R.(J) document.

A. Williams

27th February, 1940.

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the Supreme War Council endorse the proposed line taken in the War Cabinet yesterday on the Scandinavia question.

It is unfortunate that the Chiefs of Staff have unavoidably been unable to consider these Papers, owing to the two visits to France.

If you think that any useful work could be done over and above that already in hand, I will have the necessary instructions issued on your authority.

H. L. Ismay

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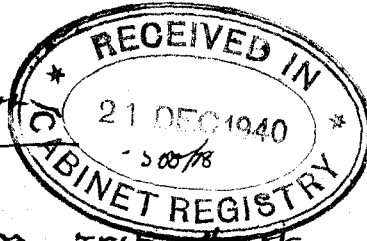
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I am not sure
 whether it is better
 or even wise for the
 Cof. to double in
 current questions. There
 should be some
 time, and the right
 way for the cabinet to
 go on with this business.
 Could we discuss.

HZA
 15.3.40

It looks to me as if the
 J.P.S. was asking to be a
 member of the Cabinet.

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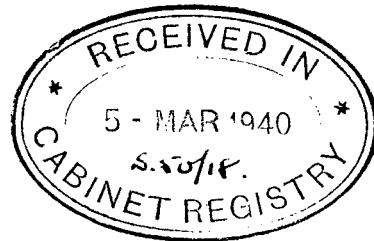
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REGISTRY.

The under-mentioned subject was discussed at a meeting
of the... *War Cabinet*
held on... *28/2/40* (Reference: *W.M. (20) 20th Cons*
Minute).

Subject: *Germany.*

Possible Intentions



Other observations (if any):

G. Evans

Date... *2/3/40*