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(The Bulgarian Minister called to report confidentially that Georgei Astakhoff, Russian charge in Berlin, had confided the following:) The Soviet Union faced the present world situation with hesitation. She was vacillating between three possibilities, namely the conclusion of a pact with England and France, a further dilatory treatment of the pact negotiations, and a rapprochement with Germany. This last possibility, with which ideological considerations would not have to become involved, was closest to the desires of the Soviet Union . . . . . If Germany would declare that she would not attack the Soviet Union or that she would conclude a non-aggression pact with her, the Soviet Union would probably refrain from concluding a treaty with England.

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