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(Molotoff states) that the Soviet Government warmly welcomed German intentions of improving relations. . . . He was interested in the question of how the German Government was disposed to the idea of concluding a nonaggression pact with the Soviet Union, and further, whether the German Government was prepared to influence Japan for the purpose of improvement in Soviet-Japanese relations and whether a possible joint guarantee of the Baltic States was contemplated by Germany.

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