Defense Document 3072-Y

Excerpt from State Department Publication of Nazi Foreign Office Documents

(Page.

Very urgent secret telegram from Schulenburg, July 13, 1940

On instructions from Stalin, Molotoff gave me a memorandum of this conversation (between Stalin and Sir Stafford Cripps, then British Ambassador to Moscow). Cripps (said): The British Government was convinced that Germany was striving for hegemony in Europe and wanted to engulf all European countries. This was dangerous to the Soviet Union as well as England. Therefore both countries ought to agree on a common policy of self-protection against Germany . . . The British Government was of the opinion that unification and leadership of the Balkan countries for the purpose of maintaining the status quo was rightly the task of the Soviet Union . . . The interests of the Soviet Union in the (Turkish) Straits must be safeguarded.

Stalin's answers are given as follows: . . . He did not see any danger of the hegemony of any one country in Europe and still less any danger that Europe might be engulfed by Germany . . . Stalin was not of the opinion that Germany military successes menaced the Soviet Union and her friendly relations with Germany . . In Stalin's opinion no power had the right to an exclusive

Defense Document 3072-Y

role in the consolidation and leadership of the Balkan countries. The Soviet Union did not claim such a mission either . . . The Soviet Union was in fact opposed to the exclusive jurisdiction of Turkey over the Straits.

獨交 或 つ其 欧 72 も懲 ツ中洲 九ン富七 化. 汝 随 稳 驻 命 的治 英 的 a 支 手 六發 望 十至 省… カ採危つ得 又ンる酸でにクソフ日報 公 r 表 一路野なわ努りオは

ト國を事るカツー余

ルの協で引しづドに

コ流定的をてスツ此

一一しる確あ一つの

海となっ認る日川會

W 之りそし事くツ酸

にがれれに施一フー

於指ば故しび、スス

的導な同此に延期タ

るとら随は金融と1

ソはなは、飲政のリ

のしって國語はにと

脚正い獨英洲府間ン

A

拔

る類 友 的。化放力は 歐治答れ 0 れきつか る危たる 意ソ様像。見 見聊なは。で 反 そので及危存。必 坡在。 is U や結つソはし彼 元郷無なは 使學。到亡玄洲 して見しい 0

闘とてて於