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Confidential letter from Ribbentrop to Molotoff, Sept. 28, 1939

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter (stating) "that the government of the U.S.S.R. is willing . . . to promote by all means the trade relations and the exchange of goods between Germany and the U.S.S.R." The German Reich in turn will take the necessary steps for this purpose.

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