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Letter From Hitler to Mussolini, June 21, 1941:

Months of anxious deliberation and continuous nerve-racking waiting are ending in the hardest decision of my life Since the liquidation of Poland, there is evident in Soviet Russia a consistent trend, which, even if cleverly and cautiously, is nevertheless reverting firmly to the old Bolshevist tendency to expansion of the Soviet state I have decided to put an end to the hypocritical performance in the Kremlin Since I struggled through to this decision, I again feel spiritually free. The partnership with the Soviet Union, in spite of the complete sincerity of the efforts to bring about a final conciliation, was nevertheless often very irksome to me I am happy now to be relieved of these mental agonies.

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不安なる熱慮と連環的崩壊の何ヶ月かは今や余の一生に最も
苦しき決意に及びつゝある。。。。

ポーランドの清兵以來、巧妙に且つ戒めではあるが、ソ連國家
の擴張を圖る昔のボルシユヴィキ的傾向に平乎として長く、開始
一貫せる傾向がソ連に歴然としてある。余はクレムリンの腐善的
變遷に。。。。結末をつける決心をした。この決定中余は出んだか
ら再び精神的自由を感じてゐる。最後の和議を齎らさんとする全
く眞心たる努力にも拘らずソ連との連環は露々顯る退屈であつた
これら精神的苦悶より救はれて余は今幸福である