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Excerpt from the Interrogation of Oshima Hiroshi  
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Matsuoka arrived in Berlin sometime around the very beginning of April 1941, having come via Siberia. Of course, he met Hitler, but his talks were mainly with Ribbentrop. How many times they met I am not absolutely sure, but I think it was not over three or four times. I was at the first meeting with Ribbentrop, but did not attend thereafter. This was partly based on the German desire to have only the two men present at these meetings, so that they might further their personal relationship and speak on matters close to their respective hearts. Matsuoka did speak to me later about his meetings with Ribbentrop, but in the main he told me nothing of any promises that he had made or of specific details in regard to one thing or another.-----

Matsuoka spoke to me of his meetings, but the matters on which he spoke were of such a general nature that I do not recall them. He did tell me how on his way to Germany he had spoken with Ambassador Steinhardt, the American representative in Moscow regarding United States and Japanese relations. Whether he told the Germans about this or not, I do not know, as I have already stated

Matsuoka's conversations with me were of a general nature and the gist of his talks with Ribbentrop were related to me, but I can not recall anything specific or binding that was decided upon by either party.

~~Q. What was the reason for Matsuoka's visit to Germany?~~  
~~A. Matsuoka told me that he had come in order to~~  
~~further his relations with the German Foreign Minister,~~