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Following for Sir A. Cadogan

PERSONAL AND SECRET

Your telegram No. 726

I duly informed the intermediary on 7th September that I would not see Weissauer and that in any case the interview seemed to me useless in view of the publicly declared attitude of His Majesty's Government.

A few hours later the intermediary in whose trustworthiness and disinterested [grp. undc.] I have full confidence returned in a state of excitement and said he was convinced that the matter was of the first importance and that Weissauer was acting at the instigation of Hitler in person. Only two men in Germany knew of his mission. Following were the main points of the proposal.

1. World to be divided into <sup>two</sup> economic spheres, one continental, organized by Germany, the other maritime and colonial organized by the British Empire and
2. Political independence of European countries now occupied by Germany to be restored including "a Polish State" but excluding Czecho-Slovakia. Economic division of Europe must however be brought to an end.
3. British Empire to retain all colonies and such mandates as are needed for its political and military interests. Germany possible to receive some compensation elsewhere.
4. Questions concerning the Mediterranean, Egypt and French, Belgian and Dutch colonies to be open to discussion.

This was the "last chance" and the alternative to peace was the continuance of the war on an intensified scale; special mention was made here of the loss to Great Britain of Egypt, the Middle East and ultimately India.

I gave the intermediary no encouragement whatsoever to believe that I should have any message for him, but he has since twice returned to the charge obviously at Weissauer's instigation and informed me that Weissauer has decided to prolong his stay here until 12th September as he is desperately anxious not to return empty-handed. He would stay here longer if it were any use. ANY talks, he said, could continue for the present through a neutral personage.