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*Mr. Eden to Sir S. Hoare (Madrid).*

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Sir,

*Foreign Office, 6th April, 1944.*

DURING the course of our conversation this afternoon the Spanish Ambassador said I might like to have some recent Spanish gossip about the situation in Germany. It was said that Himmler was the leader of a school of thought which wished to come to terms with Russia, while Hitler wished to come to terms with us. Despite heavy bombing morale was still high, much as it had been here even at the worst of the blitz. His Excellency did not, however, attempt to deny the seriousness of the military position for the Germans.

I am, &c.

ANTHONY EDEN.

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