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19. Of the countries of this region, only Czechoslovakia and Poland possess industries of some importance, with possibilities of development. The production of Poland and Czechoslovakia will not, however, be capable of replacing in the immediate post-war period the former imports of the region concerned from Germany. There are certain goods, which it will be impossible to import from Germany for security reasons (machines and vehicles). These goods formerly imported from Germany will be replaced by imports from Great Britain and the United States. There are also possibilities of export to Great Britain and America from the countries of Central and South-Eastern Europe.

20. The economic development of the countries of Central and South-Eastern Europe, based on the potential outlined above, will give to that region, together with its great resources of man-power, a considerable military strength. The very existence of that military strength, combined with the human, economic and military potential of the Western Powers, will keep in check the German nation and nip in the bud any new German aggression.

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