

Polish Government can only be expected to maintain an attitude of complete restraint if the German Government reciprocate on their side of the frontier and if no provocation is offered by members of the German minority in Poland. Reports are current that Germans have committed acts of sabotage which would justify the sternest measures.

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*The telegram from His Majesty's Government to Sir Neville Henderson sent at 6.50 p.m. on the 30th of August, 1939.*

We understand that the German Government is insisting that the Polish representative with full powers must come to Berlin to receive German proposals.

We cannot advise the Polish Government to comply with this procedure which is wholly unreasonable.

Could you not suggest to the German Government that they adopt the normal procedure, when their proposals are ready, of inviting the Polish ambassador to call and handing the proposals to him for transmission to Warsaw and inviting suggestions as to the conduct of negotiations?

The German Government have been good enough to promise they will communicate the proposals also to His Majesty's Government. If the latter think they offer a reasonable basis they can be counted on to do their best in Warsaw to facilitate negotiations.

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*The reply of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to the German Chancellor's communication of the 29th of August, 1939, which was handed to Herr Hitler at midnight on the 30th of August, 1939.*

His Majesty's Government appreciate the friendly reference in the communication containing the reply of the German Government to the latter's desire for an Anglo-German understanding, and to their statement of the influence which this consideration has exercised upon their policy.

His Majesty's Government repeat that they reciprocate the German Government's desire for improved relations, but it will be recognized that they could not sacrifice the interests of other friends in order to obtain that improvement. They fully understand that the German Government cannot sacrifice Germany's vital interests but the Polish