

8. The question of the treatment of European problems on a peaceful basis is not a decision which rests on Germany but primarily on those who, since the crime committed by the Versailles dictate, have stubbornly and consistently opposed any peaceful revision. Only after a change of spirit on the part of the responsible powers can there be any real change in the relationship between England and Germany. I have all my life fought for Anglo-German friendship. The attitude adopted by British diplomacy—at any rate up to the present—has, however, convinced me of the futility of such an attempt. Should there be any change in this respect in the future nobody could be happier than I.

(Signed) Adolf Hitler.

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### III

*The supplementary communication from the German Chancellor to His Majesty's Ambassador on the 25th of August, 1939.*

By way of introduction the Fuehrer declared that the British Ambassador had given expression at the close of their last conversation to the hope that after all an understanding between Germany and England might yet be possible. He, the Fuehrer, had therefore turned things over in his mind once more and desired to make a move as regards England which should be as decisive as the move as regards Russia which had led to the recent agreement.

Yesterday's sitting in the House of Commons and the speeches of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax had also moved the Fuehrer to talk once more to the British ambassador.

The assertion that Germany affected to conquer the world was ridiculous. The British Empire embraced 40,000,000 square kilometres, Russia 19,000,000 square kilometres, America 9,500,000 square kilometres, whereas Germany embraces less than 600,000 square kilometres. It is quite clear who it is who desires to conquer the world.

The Fuehrer makes the following communication to the British ambassador:

1. Poland's actual provocations have become intolerable. It makes no difference who is responsible. If the Polish Government denies the responsibility that only goes to show that it no longer itself possesses any influence over its subordinate military authorities.

In the preceding night there had been a further 21 new frontier incidents; on the German side the greatest discipline had been maintained. All incidents had been provoked from the Polish side, furthermore commercial aircraft had been shot at. If the Polish Government stated that it was not responsible it showed that it no longer was capable of controlling its own people.