

Memorandum by the Director of the Political Department

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The Rumanian Minister, the Finnish Minister, and the Japanese Counselor of Embassy asked me today with reference to their close proximity to the Soviet Union for an opinion on the events in the Baltic area.

I replied that we had had no advance knowledge of the events, nor had we received any official communications on the progress of the action. We considered the occurrences there as a matter in which we had no part.

The Finnish Minister asked whether we had any information that the same fate was in store for Finland, to which I replied in the negative. M. Kivimäki remarked at this that, on the contrary, the Soviet Union had of late frequently shown signs of a friendly disposition toward Finland. The Minister then asked outright what Finland was to do if the Soviet Union made the same demands on her and he added immediately that he did not think the Finnish Government would capitulate as the Baltic Governments had done. I replied that I was not in a position to make a statement to him on this.

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