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In October 18th, 1944 the Spanish Chief of State wrote a letter to the British Premier referring the relations between Spain and England of that time. Examining the international situation, Franco said:

"Since we cannot believe in the good faith of Communist Russia, and since we know the insidious power of Bolshevism, we must take account of the fact that the weakening or destruction of her neighbours will greatly increase Russia's ambition and powers, making necessary more than ever an intelligent and understanding attitude on the part of the western countries."

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"Once Germany is destroyed and Russia has consolidated her preponderant position in Europe and once the United States has consolidated her position in the Atlantic and the Pacific, thus becoming the most powerful nation in the universe, European interests will suffer their most serious and dangerous crisis in a shattered Europe. I understand quite well that military reasons of an immediate character will not permit Englishmen in positions of responsibility to make any comments on this aspect of the world struggle, but the reality exists and the menace remains. After the terrific test Europe has gone through, those who have shown themselves strong and virile among the nations great in population and resources are England, Spain and Germany.

"But once Germany is destroyed, England will have only one country left in Europe towards which she can turn her eyes—Spain. The French and Italian defeats, and the internal decomposition of those countries, will probably not allow anything solid to be built upon them for many years to come."

The answer of the English Prime was less realistic and thus he answered Franco:

"I should let your Excellency fall into serious error if I did not remove from your mind the idea that his Majesty's Government would be ready to consider any bloc of Powers based on hostility to our Russian allies, or on any assumed need of defense against them. His Majesty's Government's policy is firmly based on the Anglo-Soviet Treaty of 1942, and considers permanent Anglo-Russian collaboration within the framework of the future world organization as essential, not only to her own interests, but also to the future peace and prosperity of Europe as a whole."

The text books come from the libel of Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel Hoare D. C. L., L.L.D.D. Litt. Viscount Templewood entitled "Ambassador on Special Mission" Collins, London, 1946. (pages 300, 301, 306).