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Conference : Paprika -- Cactus -- Javelin  
Subject : ██████████ - Matsuhara  
Russia in Europe -- Russia & Japan.

Paprika shares the same views as ██████████ reported below, in respect to Russia's political objectives in Europe. These are numbered in four categories:

- 1.- In Italy, the Allies after entering gave no importance to Badoglio or the King. Russia took a different view that the Allies and without consulting the Allies opened diplomatic relations separately. Italy sent a Minister to Russia and Russia a Minister to Italy. Russia have thus gained 'face' with Italy, and the right to have communists in the Italian cabinet. This is the first Russian step in revealing their policy in Europe.
- 2.- The English and Americans for a long period remained undecided in discussing France, de Gaulle etc. Russia independently decided to recognize de Gaulle, and a Russian mission appeared at Algiers. Four members in the cabinet are communists and other have communist tendencies. The essence of this second point is that, where the Americans and English leave a vacancy, or defer a decision, Russian in principle will put in her hand.
- 3.- Russia has now a legation and a commercial attache in Egypt, and have introduced strong propaganda in Egypt, in Syria and in Iran. Russia recognizes Tito's Government, and has sent delegates to Bulgaria and Greece, Thus the Eastern Mediterranean is coming definitely into the Russian Sphere, and the Turks have been encircled. Russia will not say anything about Turkey being in the middle of the circle. In Syria, de Gaulle has shown much sympathy to Russia and some opposition to English statements, therefore not in sympathy with latter. De Gaulle is doing nothing to prevent Russian propaganda in Syria.
- 4.- Russia is taking advantage of the existing of many people of orthodox faith in Bulgaria, the middle East and Egypt, who also have military ideas associated with military forces. Religion, slavism and communism are Russia n's weapons in the Balkans. In Syria religion and communism only. If Russia gets stronger and America does not take any interest, it will increase our problem, and Turkey in the center of the circle will be isolated. Russian propaganda has been successful even in Egypt. For example, the disturbance in the Greek forces had been due to Russia propaganda. The Russian must have an orderly complete and detailed plans.

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Paprika has advised [redacted] to continue relations with the Japanese and to preserve the attitude of the Japanese toward him. He advised [redacted] that the Turks will continue to work [redacted] [redacted] to help in respect to intelligence. [redacted] consented. [redacted] controls a certain courier between Ankara and [redacted]

In [redacted] opinion, the Molotoff speech to Rumania was very elastic, had no limits in phrasing to define where the Russian will stop, according to the statement that "they will go as far as necessary to meet the German danger."

M. points out that Russia is not bombing Bulgarian or Rumanian cities, which are being bombed by the Allies creating real enmity even in Hungary.

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COMMENT BY MATSUHARA ON THE EISENHOWER SPEECH

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A division of English and American troops has been formed for the Governing of France after occupation, and Matsuhara states no importance has been given to de Gaulle in this formation. It is M's opinion that to keep Russia from having complete control in Europe after the war, England must enter Greece and the Balkans before Russia does. England also must keep Sicily and Corfu as bases. M believes that if the war goes on as at present, the Anglo-Saxons and Germany will be soon weakened and Russia will grow in strength and if Russia gets a clean-out victory over Germany, Russia will have full control in Europe. The Japanese have not severed relations with Russia because they are willing to let Russians do whatever they wish in Europe, and the Japs remain free in their Asia sphere. The second front will not be successful, it will be a terrific struggle, resulting in the weakening of the Allies and Germany, without any definite out-come. Russia will be stronger and the whole will benefit Japan

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