

SUMMARY OF EVENTS.  
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Contact with the "German Generals" (if indeed this is a correct description) seems to have been first established on October 17th by our Passport Control Officer in The Hague. Communication was at first conducted by telephone with Colonel Teichmann (said to be representing Generals Wiedersheim and Rundstedt). The Colonel said, briefly, that the Army were keen on peace and were defending themselves against the Gestapo; that they disapproved of Ribbentrop's policy; and that only a small push was needed to upset the Nazi régime.

2. On the following day the Passport Control Officer was told by his superiors that he could tell these intermediaries that a new situation would be created if their coup d'état succeeded; that the Allies had no desire to wage a vindictive war; and that the overthrow of the Nazi régime, real autonomy for the Czechs and the restoration of Poland probably represented the minimum terms of His Majesty's Government.
3. On October 20th we heard that the meeting had been postponed till October 21st since Wiedersheim had been summoned to Berlin. He had, however, requested (apparently by telephone) that we should not negotiate with either Ribbentrop or Goering but only with him.
4. On October 23rd we were informed that the General had not come in person to the meeting but had sent Colonel von Seydlitz and Colonel Teichmann. The latter had said that our terms were accepted as a basis for negotiations with Wiedersheim himself, who would "probably" come over on October 24th. Emphasis was laid on the desirability of retaining Hitler as a figure head and of our not negotiating

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