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The world is at war. The Germans have been expanding their borders and building their army since 1933, but those in power avoided war at every turn. First the Rhineland, then Austria, and Czechoslovakia. Yet despite Germany's clear aggression, that coward Chamberlain continued his appeasement, and fled from any notion of war. Finally, the German invasion of Poland forced his hand, as to ignore the invasion of an ally was to bring dishonour upon our entire nation. The world is at war, and it is a war we must win at all costs.

I have been appointed as Britain's Minister of Economic Warfare, and have been authorized by the Cabinet to form and lead the Special Operations Executive (SOE). This organization will utilize agents throughout Europe, for the purposes of espionage, sabotage, and assassination if possible. I do not have access to infantry or mechanized warfare, but strategic use of my agents as saboteurs, as well as maintaining economic pressure on Germany using blockades, will nonetheless be an important factor in this war. If we cannot defeat our enemies using military might, we will defeat them through economic means, whether by depriving them of resources, or simply starving them out, until their armies lack the moral to fight.

My first plan is to amass as many agents for the SOE as possible, and train them in hand-to-hand combat, and stealth. These agents will then be deployed undercover throughout Europe. Anyone who is of German descent, or who speaks German fluently, will be particularly valuable, as they will be able to directly infiltrate Germany, and blend in easily. Likewise for Italians in Italy, and Japanese in Japan. These agents will be instructed to acquire jobs that will provide them with knowledge of the movements of enemies, such as in a train station, or as a telegraph operator. Once in place, these agents will remain dormant, and not act until instructed to, other than to transmit encoded information using a one-time pad. When they observe the movements of troops, weapons, or supplies, they will inform Britain as soon as it is safe to do so.

When they are needed, these agents will be used for several purposes. First among these is sabotage; by sabotaging German infrastructure, we can potentially cripple their economy. A primary target of sabotage will be bridges, either for trucks or trains. These bridges can be destroyed using either thermite or fertilizer explosives, both of which are easily improvised with adequate knowledge, or using plastic explosives. Taking out bridges will prevent movement of resources through Germany, damaging their economy. For the same reason, railways are an excellent target for sabotage. To further attack the German economy, telephone lines and power plants will be excellent targets of sabotage. By cutting off the electricity to areas of Germany, we can prevent them from obtaining intelligence through radio or telephone, slowing their reactions.

In addition to espionage and sabotage, the SOE will keep a focus on subtly interfering with Germany's relations. The ultimate goal of such interference is to either dissolve the peace agreement between Hitler and Stalin, or to damage the ties between Germany, Italy, and Japan.

Such goals will not be possible at first, but through spreading propaganda or sending fake messages to Germany, Italy and Japan, the trust each nation places in each other can be damaged, potentially weakening their alliance. Likewise, false messages sent to either German or Soviet leadership can be used to harm their peace agreement, and ideally bring the Soviets into this war against the Germans.

To assist with my plans for the SOE, I must make personal allies within our committee. Without such connections, I will find it difficult to accomplish anything of note. First among these connections is Sir John Anderson. With close ties to both the prime minister and monarch, he will be a valuable ally. By utilizing his connections as my own, I will be able to further the reach and power of the SOE, to inflict mortal wounds on the German army and economy from within. Another useful contact in the committee will be Sir Kingsley Wood, due to his official responsibility for Great Britain's economy. Working together, we can ensure that Great Britain's economy remains powerful, while the economies of our enemies crumble.

A third valuable contact will be Duff Cooper, the Minister of Information. Through his role of controlling and manipulating information and intelligence, he has no doubt obtained useful experience. Using the SOE, I can put this experience to good use. This partnership will be mutually beneficial, as I have the SOE to allow him to disseminate his propaganda more effectively, while his experience and connections will undoubtedly prove helpful to the operation of the SOE.

A final useful ally in the committee will be John Gilbert Winant, the ambassador from the USA. At present, his nation has officially declared neutrality in this war, but their significant power would be of great help. Winant is in favor of his nation becoming more powerful and influential in the world, allowing them to have a greater impact in world events. For this reason, I plan to learn if he has any connections to high-ranking officials in the USA. If they can be persuaded to join the war, they would be of great help.

In short, my plans for addressing this war are intended to cripple the German economy, maintain the strength of the British economy, sabotage German infrastructure, and to interfere with foreign ties amongst the Axis powers. I plan to use the SOE to the absolute maximum effect to further each of these goals, and I hope to build ties in the committee to increase the resources available to the SOE. The other men and women of the committee control Great Britain's army, navy, or foreign policy, but they must remember the power that comes with stealth, and unconventional warfare.