Prime Minister, W. Churchill, to British Ambassador in Moscow, A. Kerr, dated 29 June 1943.

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1. I shall be most interested to know what you can gather of the reactions to my patient reply to Stalin’s offensive message. Naturally the sentence beginning “The Soviet Government will not put up with such treatment” etc. as well as the elaborate marshalling of all the grounds of complaint raises various questions in experienced minds. No doubt you will be keeping a vigilant lookout.

2. Personally I feel that this is probably the end of the Churchill-Stalin correspondence from which I fondly hoped some kind of personal contact might be created between our countries. There is certainly no use in making it a vehicle of recrimination. As you were the first to suggest my visit to Moscow I should be most glad to hear what you think.

W[inston] S. C[hurchill]

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