

**USSR/GERMANY  
TREATY OF NON AGGRESSION, 1939  
SECRET PROTOCOLS \***

*A secret protocol*

Secret Additional Protocol to the Treaty of Non-aggression between Germany and the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics: On the occasion of the signature of the Non-aggression Pact between the German Reich and the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, the undersigned plenipotentiaries of each of the two parties discussed in strictly confidential conversations the question of the boundary of their respective spheres of influence in Eastern Europe. These conversations led to the following conclusions:

1. In the event of a territorial and political rearrangement in the areas belonging to the Baltic States (Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania), the northern boundary of Lithuania shall represent the boundary of the spheres of influence of Germany and the USSR. In this connection the interest of Lithuania in the Vilnius area is recognized by each party.

2. In the event of a territorial and political rearrangement of the area belonging to the Polish state the spheres of influence of Germany and the USSR shall be bounded approximately by the line of the rivers Narew, Vistula and San.

The question of whether the interests of both parties make desirable the maintenance of an independent Polish state and how such a state should be bounded can only be definitely determined in the course of further political developments.

In any event both governments will resolve this question by means of a friendly agreement.

3. With regard to South-Eastern Europe, attention is called by the Soviet side to its interest in Bessarabia. The German side declares its complete political disinterestedness in these areas.

4. This protocol shall be treated by both parties as strictly secret.

Moscow, 23 August 1939  
For the Government of the German  
Reich:  
v. Ribbentrop

Plenipotentiary of the  
Government of the USSR:  
V. Molotov

*Secret Supplementary Protocol*

The undersigned plenipotentiaries declare the agreement of the Government of the German Reich and the Government of the USSR upon the following:

The Secret Supplementary Protocol signed on 23 August 1939, shall be amended in item 1 to the effect that the territory of the Lithuanian state falls to the sphere of influence of the USSR, while, on the other hand, the province of Lublin and parts of the province of Warsaw fall to the sphere of influence of Germany (cf. the map attached to the Boundary and Friendship Treaty signed today). As soon as the Government of the USSR shall take special measures in Lithuanian territory to protect its interests, the present German-Lithuanian border, for the purpose of a natural and simple boundary delineation, shall be rectified in such a way that the Lithuanian territory situated to south-west of the line marked on the attached map should fall to Germany.

Further it is declared that the economic agreements now in force between Germany and Lithuania shall not be affected by the measures of the Soviet Union referred to above.

Moscow, 28 September 1939  
For the Government of the German  
Reich:  
J. Ribbentrop

By authority of the Govern-  
ment of the USSR:  
V. Molotov

**\* [An English language version of the text of the secret protocols of the Molotov Von Ribbentrop Pact is published not only as a matter of historical interest but because they have become an issue in the relations between the governments of the Baltic Republics and the USSR]**