

Letter from Hitler to Franco - September 1940

1. War will decide future of Europe. Spain can help put England out of the Mediterranean.

2. Spanish participation must begin with expulsion of British from Gibraltar. Capture of the Rock itself. Germany will furnish assault troops and weapons under Spanish command.

3. With this done, Spanish Mediterranean coast no longer threatened.

4. England in position to operate against Spanish coast. Defense of coast difficult. Better to protect it by dive bombers than by heavy coastal batteries.

5. The entry of Spain will serve to stress the hopelessness of carrying out the war and force England to abandon her unjustifiable ambitions.