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GATHERING STORM

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10.41 The following support modifiers may apply to all major powers:

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C. DIPLOMATIC RANDOM EVENTS: Diplomatic random events are treated as support events for the relevant major power, with a value equal to the random event's unused diplomatic modifier (24.82E), in the following situations:

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- The Axis, Allies or Russia have two or more diplomatic random events for Russia or the same minor country, no diplomatic or military counters were played in the target, and not all the diplomatic random events are necessary to achieve a diplomatic result in the target.
 - Immediately before diplomacy is resolved, after any covert operations and Russian subversion have been conducted, the player drawing the diplomatic random events decides which secret diplomatic random events act as **public** support events, subject to the following:
 - A general diplomatic random event and a pro-German diplomatic modifier for Belgium from additional Maginot Line research (16.14B) always act as diplomatic random events.
 - Diplomatic random events for Greece, Spain or Yugoslavia may only act as support events if a civil war in the minor country has ended.
- General diplomatic random events 115-128 posit a diplomatic dispute between two minor countries in which the Axis must support one side and Russia or the Allies the other, and the Axis have diplomatic random events for both minor countries, or the Allies or Russia have diplomatic random events for the minor country they are compelled to support, and the diplomatic random event was not necessary to achieve a diplomatic result in the target.
 - All diplomatic random events for the target are treated as public support random events.
 - Diplomatic random events for Greece or Yugoslavia may only act as support events if a civil war in the minor country has ended.

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Clarification:

15.241 This situation may arise in any of the following ways:

A. A random event that advances a project one step or one or more levels cannot fully apply because that project is completed or nearly completed. If a random event advances two projects in a category one step each, a player may not voluntarily apply the random event to a completed project, then advance another project in that category two steps.

B. A doubling random event cannot fully apply because the project to which it applies is completed or nearly completed.

C. A random event may not fully apply to an intelligence project because of the limit on how many research results for that intelligence project may be held prior to use.

16. RESEARCH EFFECTS

Clarification:

16.14 MILITARY RESEARCH:

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B. The following research results require six steps (three levels) for the first result, which increases the German (West Wall) or French (Maginot Line) support level by +1; and another six steps (six levels) for the second result, which increases the German (West Wall) or French (Maginot Line) support level by another +1.

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- **Maginot Line.**

- Once the Allies have achieved a 6-step Maginot Line research result, additional Maginot Line research must be revealed to the Axis player and triggers a one-time **pro-German** diplomatic modifier for Belgium/Luxembourg equivalent to the number of Maginot Line research steps achieved in that turn (-1 for one step; -2 for two steps; etc.). This modifier acts in the same manner as a **public** diplomatic random event and applies only in turns in which one or more steps of Maginot Line research is achieved.

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16.16 INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH:

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B. ESPIONAGE: An espionage result compels a major power to immediately place a spy ring in either a diplomatic target or in an opposing alliance research category. Spy rings are placed at the end of the economic phase, after all economic activities have been revealed, prior to diplomacy, and may not be held for placement in a later turn. A spy ring is considered to be activated for one turn when it is first placed, and may be reactivated for one turn each year thereafter if not eliminated.

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Diplomatic spy rings:

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- If a spy ring in a minor country is not eliminated by a counter-intelligence result or an enemy spy ring in a subsequent turn, it may be reactivated for one turn, no sooner than four turns after it was last activated, with the same effects as **in** the turn in which it was placed.

Research spy rings:

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- If a spy ring in enemy research is not eliminated by a counter-intelligence result in a subsequent turn, it may be reactivated for one turn, no sooner than four turns after it was last activated, with the same effects as in the turn in which it was placed.

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Reference to substantive change:

29.22 POLAND: If Germany carries out an aggression against Poland proper (not Danzig and the Corridor) and neither Allied major power declares war, Germany has the following three options. This choice must be made in the turn of the aggression against Poland proper, before the conquest of Poland, may not be deferred to a subsequent turn, and may not be reversed by resurrecting a conquered Poland:

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C. POLAND AS A NEUTRAL MINOR COUNTRY: Germany may negotiate the Nazi-Soviet Pact and leave Central Poland intact, provided Danzig and the Polish Corridor have not been incorporated into Germany in a previous turn:

- **Danzig and the Polish Corridor:** Danzig and the Polish Corridor are incorporated into Germany.
- **Eastern Poland:** Eastern Poland is taken by Russia as a territorial concession under the Nazi-Soviet Pact.
- **Central Poland:** Poland remains a minor neutral country: no military or diplomatic counters may be placed in Poland for the remainder of the game, diplomatic random events for Poland have no effect, and Poland may not be subject to a second aggression. In *A World at War* Poland is an eligible diplomatic target, may be attacked in the same manner as any other minor country, and includes eastern Poland until Russia occupies it.

If Germany conducts an aggression against all of Poland and takes only Danzig and the Polish Corridor, leaving Central Poland intact, the USAT level increases by only +1, not +4, at the start of A World at War, and the A World at War -2 diplomatic modifier for Germany having occupied Danzig and the Polish Corridor does not apply after a successful German aggression against all of Poland in Gathering Storm.

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2. MAJOR POWERS AT WAR
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Clarification, cross-reference:

4.72 ARMOR:

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C. EFFECT OF RUSSIAN ARMOR RESEARCH: Once Russia achieves two *Gathering Storm* armor research results, Russia may mobilize or produce 5-6 armor units in *Gathering Storm* and *A World at War* (6.51B). Until then, all additional Russian armor units, apart from its initial eight 3-5 armor units, are 4-5 armor units (6.51B).

D. RUSSIAN ARMOR RESEARCH IN *A WORLD AT WAR*: If Russia does not achieve two *Gathering Storm* armor research results, Russia is deemed to continue armor research into *A World at War*, using one *A World at War* military RP each year for each missing level or portion thereof of *Gathering Storm* armor research, until it has made up the deficit. Until Russia completes its armor research, it may only mobilize or produce 4-5 armor units in *Gathering Storm* and *A World at War* (4.72C, 6.51B).

5. ECONOMICS
6. RESEARCH

Clarification:

6.35 AIR TRANSPORTS:

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B. Intermediate *Gathering Storm* air transport results, indicated by a circled number on the *Gathering Storm* research record sheet, generate one or two research points towards the production of an air transport unit, as set out in 6.12B above (Ⓜ = one RP; Ⓞ = two RPs). The research points from British *Gathering Storm* air transport research may only be used to produce British air transports.

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Clarification:

6.41 NAVAL AIR TRAINING:

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C. Intermediate *Gathering Storm* naval air training research results, indicated by a circled number on the *Gathering Storm* research record sheet, generate one or two research points towards the next Axis (German or Italian *Gathering Storm* naval air training research results) or British (British *Gathering Storm* naval air training research results) naval air training production result in *A World at War* (① or ④ = one RP; ② or ⑤ = two RPs).

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Clarification, cross-reference:

6.51 ARMOR:

A. *Gathering Storm* armor research results have no counterpart in *A World at War*.

B. *Gathering Storm* armor research results affect the strength of each major power's *A World at War* armor units as set out in rule 4 (force levels). With respect to 5-6 armor units, which may only be created by Germany in *A World at War*:

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- Once Russia achieves a second armor research result (12 steps), either in *Gathering Storm* or in *A World at War* (4.72D), *A World at War* rule 42.333G is in effect and Russia may mobilize or produce either 4-5 or 5-6 armor units. Until then, Russia must continue armor research, using one *A World at War* military RP each year for each missing level or portion thereof of *Gathering Storm* armor research, until it has made up the deficit, and may only mobilize or produce 4-5 armor units (4.72C, D).

Clarification:

6.53 SPECIALIZED UNITS:

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B. Three, nine and 15 steps of *Gathering Storm* specialized unit research, as indicated by a "★", generate one research point towards the next specialized unit result. The research point from British *Gathering Storm* specialized unit research may only be used to produce British specialized units.

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6.54 FORTIFICATIONS:

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B. MAGINOT LINE:

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- Once France has obtained a Maginot Line counter in *Gathering Storm* from six steps of Maginot Line research, each additional step of Maginot Line research in *Gathering Storm* fortifies an additional hexside on France's eastern border, starting with the hexside adjacent to the existing Maginot Line (O24/O25), then O24/N25, and so on.

Clarification:

6.55 ECONOMIC PREPARATION:

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B. PRODUCTION EFFECTS: In addition to the construction limit effects of a second *Gathering Storm* economic preparation research result:

- 15 steps of *Gathering Storm* economic preparation research, as indicated by a "★", give the European Axis, Western Allies or Russia either the six air or the six military production results listed below. The decision whether to obtain the air or military production results is made when the first result is chosen, and may not be changed once made.
- 18 steps of *Gathering Storm* economic preparation research give the European Axis, Western Allies or Russia any combination of the air and military production results listed below.
- Production results may be taken in any order.
- Only one production result may be taken each year.
- Each production result may be taken only once per game.
- The first production result may be taken in the year in which normal production is first allowed.
- A strategic bomber factor may be produced even if normal production of strategic bombers is not permitted, and may be used in the turn of production (*A World at War* rules 27.91A, 42.22B).

- Economic preparation production results do not count against production and other yearly limits.
- British *Gathering Storm* economic preparation research may only be used to generate British units.

7. DIPLOMACY
8. POLAND

Clarification:

8.31 RUSSO-POLISH BORDER WAR: If the Nazi-Soviet Pact is in effect at the end of *Gathering Storm*, whether as a result of a successful German aggression against Danzig and the Polish Corridor or against all of Poland, Poland is neutral, and the Pact line runs between eastern and central Poland, a border war may break out between Russia and Poland if Russia demands eastern Poland before Poland is conquered.

9. RUSSIA
10. UNITED STATES

Substantive change:

10.11 The U.S-Axis tension level in Spring 1935, when *Gathering Storm* begins, is -50 (minus fifty). The starting USAT level in *A World at War* is determined by the extent to which the USAT level rises as a result of *Gathering Storm*:

A. PER TURN INCREASE: +2 for each turn of *Gathering Storm*.

B. AXIS AGGRESSIONS: For each Axis aggression during *Gathering Storm*:

- **Ethiopia, Rhineland, Albania, Sudetenland, Danzig and the Polish Corridor:** +1.
- **Austria, Baltic States, Greece:** +2.
- **Czechoslovakia** (including the Sudetenland), **Yugoslavia:** +3.
- **Poland** (including Danzig and the Corridor): +4.
- Axis aggressions which lead to war count.
- If war breaks out over the Sudetenland or Danzig and the Polish Corridor, the U.S-Axis tension level increases by +1, not +3 (Czechoslovakia) or +4 (Poland).
- If Germany conducts an aggression against all of Poland and takes only Danzig and the Polish Corridor, leaving Central Poland intact (*Gathering Storm* rule 29.22C), the U.S-Axis tension level increases by +1, not +4.

11. JAPAN
12. *A WORLD AT WAR* RULE ADJUSTMENTS

Delete this section of the rules, as no longer necessary because the *A World at War* rules include all changes arising out of *Gathering Storm*,

13. VICTORY CONDITIONS

Renumbered and shortened to:

12. VICTORY CONDITIONS

12.1 VICTORY CONDITIONS

12.1 VICTORY CONDITIONS

12.11 *A WORLD AT WAR* VICTORY CONDITIONS APPLY: The normal *A World at War* victory conditions apply, regardless of when the war actually breaks out.