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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

GERMANY Ambassador Smith believes that recent events suggest the possibility that the USSR in replying to our note of protest on Berlin will dodge the basic issue of the right of the western powers to be in that city. He believes it is possible the Soviets will first end the restrictions on surface transportation into Berlin and will then attack us for being unnecessarily antagonistic over a situation which really did not exist. In this way Moscow might hope to end our present air-lift operations while retaining the ability to renew the blockade at any future time.

The British have now given complete clearance for the movement of additional B-29s from the US to the United Kingdom, though Foreign Secretary Bevin has requested that publicity be handled in such a manner as to avoid definitely linking this movement to the situation in Berlin.

NEAR EAST We are informing our Missions in the Near East that we hope events of the next few days will make it unnecessary to evacuate American citizens from that region. If the situation deteriorates, the Missions are authorized to begin the evacuation of women and children as inconspicuously as possible through normal commercial means of transportation. They are not to undertake a general evacuation of Americans, except in case of an extreme emergency, without the prior approval of Washington.

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