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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

GREECE We are reviewing our position on granting economic and military assistance to Greece and Turkey following the receipt of two British notes requesting us to state what contributions we are prepared to make and indicating that British contributions in the future cannot be as large as in the past. The British suggest that military questions involving Greece should be considered urgently by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. The notes refer to the fact that previous exchanges of views between the US and UK have resulted in the mutual understanding that, on strategic and military grounds, Greece and Turkey should not be allowed to fall under Soviet domination.

POLAND Peasant Party leader Mikolajczyk has informed Ambassador Lane that the recent creation of "councils of state" in Poland will put complete control of Poland in the hands of the Communists shortly and that from now on there is absolute dictatorship in Poland. Lane adds that foreign observers have expressed to him their apprehension about steps which are obviously in the direction of the Sovietization of Poland.

USSR Ambassador Smith points out that Soviet attempts to mobilize the world proletariat to advance Soviet expansion encounter two general forms of active opposition. One is repressive, such as the policy of the Chinese and Greek Government. The other is competitive, such as the activities of the British Labor Government. He adds that the possibility that large segments of western and central European workers look to the British rather than to the USSR for guidance and support, threatens a major set-back to Kremlin plans.

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