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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

NORTH ATLANTIC

We have informed the Italian, Icelandic, Danish and Portuguese representatives here that a draft text of the North Atlantic pact has now been agreed upon and that we hope that their governments will wish to become original signatories of the pact. We hope that the eight governments participating in the conversations here will have agreed to the draft text before the end of this week and that it can be made public about March 15, at which time we would like to be able to announce which governments are being invited to be original signatories. We therefore have asked the four governments that we have approached to give us an early indication of their respective attitudes toward receiving an invitation to join the pact. Our present plan is to hold a conference here for final consideration and signature of the pact about April 4 and we have assured the four governments that, if they desire invitations to join, they will be welcome to participate in any discussions which may be held between the time of the invitations and the signature of the treaty.

MILITARY AID

We have instructed our Embassy in London that it may inform Bevin that we felt impelled to make clear to the Dutch that we might not be able to supply them with arms in the absence of a solution to the Indonesian problem, as failure to do so would leave the US open to charges of bad faith. We nonetheless hope that planning for the military aid program will be continued on the assumption that the Indonesian situation will have been clarified prior to the beginning of actual transfers of military equipment to the Netherlands. Our Ambassador in The Hague has impressed on the Dutch Acting Foreign Minister the fact that our warning is in no way to be interpreted as pressurizing his government and the British Foreign Office has informed our Embassy in London that the Dutch will attend Western Union meeting on the military aid program which is scheduled for March 14.

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