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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

PALESTINE

The British Ambassador has informed us that, in view of recent Israeli moves in Palestine and especially the situation on the Iraqi front, it will no longer be possible for the British to refuse to send arms to the Arab Legion. We have pointed out to the British that this will have an adverse effect on the armistice negotiations, that the Israelis might seize upon this move as a pretext to reopen hostilities, and emphasized the likelihood that pressure would be brought upon us to lift the arms embargo. The British Foreign Office has told Douglas that no move has yet been taken on making deliveries and that the matter would be discussed with us further.

We have informed our representative in Tel Aviv that we believe that Israel and Transjordan should promptly conclude an armistice agreement, that this should be extended to the Iraqi front, and that Israel should interpose no objection if Iraqi troops turn over their front to Transjordan.

NORTH ATLANTIC

In reply to a Portuguese inquiry as to whether 1) the draft of the North Atlantic pact could be modified to have a duration of ten years, 2) if not, whether the Portuguese could sign with a reservation as to its duration or 3) could accede later with such a reservation, we have informed our Ambassador in Lisbon that the reply to all three questions will probably be negative, though we will have to consult first with the other governments participating in the talks. Our Ambassador believes that the Portuguese are inclined to refuse to join the pact, if the answers to their questions are negative.

GREECE

The Greek Foreign Office has informed our Ambassador in Athens that Yugoslav representatives have made secret and informal approaches to the Greeks, suggesting a meeting on neutral soil between representatives of the two countries to discuss an agreement between them. The Greek Foreign Office expects to give an affirmative reply to these approaches.

CHINA

We have requested the military services to resume shipment of military equipment procured by the Chinese government under the \$125 million grants and have been informed that steps are being taken to resume such shipments.