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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

MILITARY AID PROGRAM

Our Embassies in Brussels, Copenhagen and Oslo have concurred emphatically in the opinion expressed by Ambassadors Douglas and Harriman that any delay in congressional action on the military assistance program would have extremely serious effects in Europe. Our Embassy in Copenhagen points out that the decisive factor in Denmark's adherence to the North Atlantic Pact was the necessity of acquiring arms and equipment obtainable only through US facilities, while Embassy Oslo states that the Norwegian Foreign Minister has stressed the embarrassment that would be caused his government if the aid program does not go through in view of its strong stand against entering a neutral defense arrangement with Sweden under which the Swedes had offered to make arms available to Norway.

CHINA

Ambassador Stuart, in commenting the approach made to our Consul General in Peiping by Communist leader Chou En-lai, says that Chou's message is a call for help and that he expects a reply, which Stuart recommends that we send. Stuart says that the Chou message does not imply any basic change in the theory or program of the Chinese Communists but only a struggle for power between the two men next in line after Chinese Communist chief Mao Tse-tung and that the radical wing of the party has been gaining ascendancy owing to anti-American sentiment, hence Chou's appeal to us. He suggests that our reply stress our friendship for China, point out that an atmosphere conducive to friendly cooperation cannot be created as long as the Chinese Communists continue their anti-American policy and propaganda and state that, while we sincerely welcome Chou's protestations of pro-western sentiments, they must be translated into deeds in order to convince us that continued American support for China is justified.

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