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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

LONDON MEETINGS In a summary report on the tripartite meetings in London, Secretary Acheson states that in general, while the results of the conference are not spectacular from the press point of view, he feels that both in his talks and in the preparatory talks progress has been made especially with respect to arriving at a better understanding of fundamental questions confronting us. He believes that this understanding will pave the way for improved cooperation and more effective concerted action in the future.

In discussions of the British position in the world and our relationship with the British, the following UK preoccupations emerged: 1) their emphasis on Labor's domestic program and UK viability by 1952; 2) their desire for a "special relationship" with the US; 3) their desire to maintain their Commonwealth and sterling area or world position as distinguished from the role of a European power; 4) their resulting emphasis on developing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as an Atlantic community umbrella as distinguished from the French theory of developing strictly European organizations such as OEEC; and 5) their concern over divergencies of US-UK policy as illustrated by China and colonial matters.

Indochina was the main subject discussed in detail in Paris with French Foreign Minister Schuman and on balance the Secretary feels that these talks were successful. In London, agreement was reached by all three Foreign Ministers on the assessment of the situation and on our common objectives in Southeast Asia. There was also tripartite agreement to take certain common measures to suppress gun-running into Indochina and to cooperate on our information policies and activities in the area. Schuman informed the Secretary on a top secret basis that with the attainment of security in Indochina, the French would re-examine the situation and did not consider that the March 8 agreements were "the last word".

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