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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

CHINA Ambassador Stuart reports that the Chinese government handed the US, UK, French and Soviet Ambassadors on Saturday afternoon an aide memoire suggesting that their four governments mediate between the Nanking government and the Chinese Communists with a view to bringing about an end of hostilities. Stuart agrees with the British and French Ambassadors that 1) this approach is an effort by the Chinese government to play for time and to avoid loss of face in directly approaching the Communists, and 2) there is little chance of successful mediation since it does not appear likely the USSR will act in concert with the other three powers. Meanwhile Stuart reports that the Communist rejection of early informal moves for peace has left the government in a quandary and has served to strengthen Chiang's conviction that negotiations with the Communists are impossible.

NORTH ATLANTIC The Swedish Foreign Minister has reiterated in a conversation with the Dutch Minister in Stockholm that Sweden will not join any association of the western powers nor will it join a Scandinavian pact which permits its members to join any outside agreement. He further stated that in the recent conversations of the top Scandinavian ministers, Norway and Denmark agreed to ask Washington not to extend any invitation to join a North Atlantic pact until after the current Scandinavian defense talks and subsequent political discussions are concluded around the first of February.

The Belgian Foreign Office has indicated that it is in essential agreement with our view that the proposed security pact should be limited to the North Atlantic area. Belgium would prefer that Italy not be included in this pact, but rather that it be covered by some form of Mediterranean agreement which might include Greece, Turkey, North Africa and possibly some of the Arab states.

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