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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

SPAIN The Acting Vatican Secretary of State has expressed the opinion to our representative that the general outlook for Spain is now more encouraging following the recent meeting between Franco and the pretender Don Juan. In the opinion of the Vatican a republican form of government in Spain would "cause another revolution" but that this meeting, which brought together the two people whose collaboration is "necessary and essential" to effect a peaceful evolution in Spain, had done much to reassure the people and allay their fears of grave internal disorders.

PALESTINE Our representative in Tel Aviv has been informed that the Provisional Government of Israel at noon yesterday issued a 24-hour ultimatum to the Irgun to surrender their arms and enlist in the Israel army or to face an attack by the Israel forces. The ultimatum expires at noon today and the Foreign Minister stated that Israel would proceed with the attack unless they were attacked prior to that time by the Arabs.

IRAN Following a long conversation with the Shah, Ambassador Wiley reports that the Shah is becoming much more intolerant of the Iranian parliament but has so far failed to form any effective political group of his own. Wiley does not believe the Shah is yet ready to precipitate action but feels that the situation will demand constant watching.

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BERLIN The Secretary has agreed with Bevin and Schuman on the delivery to the Soviets today of a note stating that the Soviet reply to our last aide-memoire is unsatisfactory, that the three powers will not participate in further discussions on the Berlin situation while the blockade continues, and that it is now clear that the difficulties which have arisen derive from fundamental differences of views and not technical difficulties. The note asks the Soviet government whether it is prepared unconditionally to lift the blockade and states that the three Foreign Ministers wish to have a reply by September 29. Our representatives feel that, although this does not constitute the final note ending with a statement of our intention to refer the Berlin question to the UN which we had originally desired, the note comes far to meet our views in squarely demanding that the Soviets lift the blockade as a condition for further discussions and in setting a time limit for a reply. The Secretary has received categorical assurances from Bevin and Schuman that the matter will be referred to the UN without further delay in the event that the reply is unsatisfactory.