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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

BERLIN Embassy Moscow hopes that our military leaders in Berlin will no longer feel restrained from taking measures to counter Soviet moves in the city and will go ahead in preparing the western sectors for indefinite operation as a going concern under blockade conditions. The Embassy believes that such a demonstration of our determination would not prejudice the presentation of our case to the Security Council but might well have a healthy influence on the Soviet attitude both in the Security Council and in Berlin.

AUSTRIA According to our Legation in Vienna, the Austrian representative in Moscow has derived the impression from a talk with the Soviet Foreign Office that the Soviets are ready to resume peace treaty talks if the initiative comes from the west and that the Yugoslav frontier issue is not important to them and would be abandoned if agreement is reached on other issues. The Austrian Foreign Minister is eager for us to propose to the Soviets the resumption of treaty negotiations but we are discouraging him from requesting us formally to do so until the repercussions of the breakdown of the Berlin negotiations are clearer. We are nonetheless assuring the Austrians that we are making preparations to raise the question of renewed negotiations at the first favorable moment.

SCANDINAVIA We have informed the Danes and Norwegians of the outcome of our discussions with the Western Union countries concerning an Atlantic defense pact. The Norwegian Foreign Minister has informed the Secretary in Paris that the Norwegians desire talks on such a defense arrangement but feel that it is important that discussions with the Swedes regarding Scandinavian defense take place first. He pointed out that Sweden is the only military power in Scandinavia and something more substantial might be created with Swedish cooperation than with Norway and Denmark alone. He is convinced, however, that a Scandinavian arrangement must be tied into a broader grouping. He questions the advantage to Norway of association with the present Western Union group and seemed to favor the North Atlantic concept.

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