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SUMMARY OF TELEGRAMS

GERMANY In the opinion of our Acting Political Adviser in Berlin the imposition of new restrictive Soviet measures is significant not only for the tighter stranglehold they impose on the western sectors of Berlin but also because they indicate the utilization of increasing numbers of Soviet zone police in areas immediately adjacent to Berlin and close collaboration between the Soviet zonal and sector police. The arming of Soviet zone police is apparently being duplicated in the Soviet sector of Berlin, and our officials consider that the Soviets may now plan a merger of their zonal and Berlin sector police.

The various American intelligence groups in Germany are all of the opinion that the recent report of the return to Berlin from the USSR of General Walter von Seydlitz accompanied by various other leading generals from the free German army in the Soviet Union are probably correct. They consider that this information has come from reliable sources, although nobody has yet actually seen von Seydlitz.

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BERLIN Subject to further drafting changes which will be made today the six neutral members of the Security Council plan to introduce tomorrow a resolution on the Berlin situation calling upon the four powers to undertake on the same day (a) the lifting of the blockade and (b) conversations on the introduction of the Soviet currency into Berlin. Soviet representative Vyshinski is reported to have expressed great interest in the idea of simultaneous action and to have been quite anxious to secure a copy of the resolution, which our delegation plans to accept subject to certain modifications.

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